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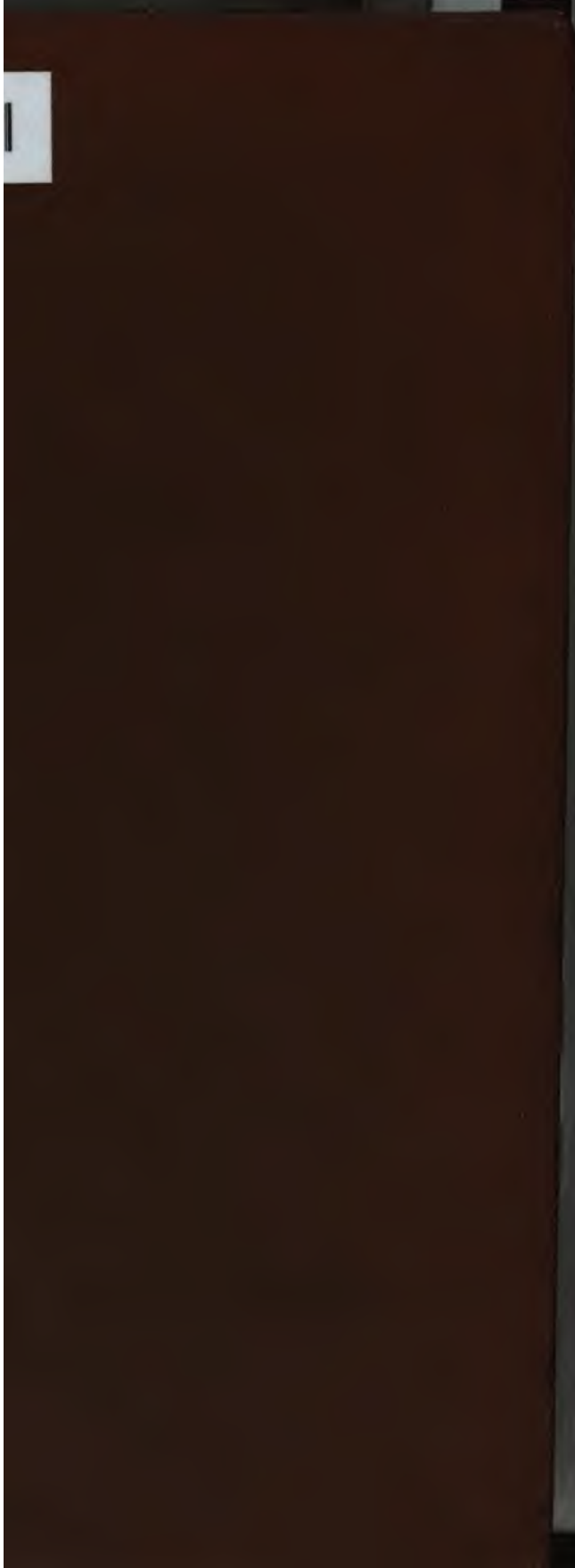
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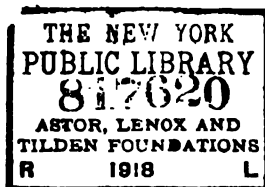
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**List of Organized Parishes
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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JUNE 1847.

ORGANIZED.

Christ Church, Green Bay,	Sept. 16, 1829.	Rev. Wm. Homman, Rector.
St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee,	April, 1838.	" Benj'n Akerly, "
Hobart Church, Duck Creek,	Sept. 1838.	" S. Davis, "
		[" F. R. Haff, Ass't Min.
St. Matthew's Ch., Southport,	April, 1840.	" F. W. Hatch, Rector.
St. Paul's Church, Beloit,	Feb'y 26, 1841.	" S. C. Millett, "
St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn,	Oct. 1841.	" G. R. Bartlett, Minister.
St. Alban's Church, Lisbon,	Oct. 2, 1842.	" W. C. Armstrong, "
St. Luke's Church, Racine,	1842.	" S. Marks, Rector.
St. Matthias' Ch., Waukesha,	Feb'y 24, 1844.	" S. K. Miller, "
Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake,	Mar. 3, 1844.	" G. Unonius, "
St. Olof's Church, Ashpen,	Dec'r 8, 1844.	" G. Unonius, "
Trinity Church, Mineral Point,	Sept. 1845.	" E. Williams, "
Grace Church, Madison,	Jan'y, 1846.	" S. McHugh, "
Christ Church, Fox Lake,	Feb'y 10, 1846.	" M. Hoyt, Minister.
St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah,	Feb. 24, 1846.	" J. L. Breck, Rector.
Zion Church, Oconomewoc,	Aug. 1846.	" W. Adams, "
St. George's Ch., North Prairie,	Nov. 22, 1846.	" J. L. Breck, Minister.
Trinity Church, Milwaukee,	Jan'y 7, 1847.	" J. P. T. Ingraham, Min.
Grace Church, Sheboygan,	Feb'y 1847.	" L. W. Davis, Minister.
Trinity Church, Johnstown,	April 1847.	" G. R. Bartlett, "
St. John's Church, Milwaukee,	June 7, 1847.	" D. Keene, "
St. Paul's Church, Watertown,	June 7, 1847.	" M. Hoyt, Rector.
Trinity Church, Janesville,		" T. J. Ruger, "
Christ Church, Delavan,		" G. R. Bartlett, Minister.
St. Luke's Church, Whitewater,		" M. Hoyt, "

Total number of Organized Parishes, 25.

List of the Clergy
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN.

JUNE 1847.

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- The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.,** Missionary Bishop for Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Indian Territory north of 36 1-2.
- The Rev. Wm. Adams,** Rector of Zion Church, Oconomewoc, and Professor of Theology at Nashotah Institution.
- The Rev. Benj'n Akerly,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.
- The Rev. Wm. C. Armstrong,** Deacon, Minister of St. Alban's Church, Lisbon.
- The Rev. Geo. R. Bartlett,** Deacon, officiating in Christ Church, Delaware; Trinity Church, Johnstown; and St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn.
- The Rev. J. L. Breck,** Rector of St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah; St. George's Church, North Prairie; and Pastor of Nashotah Institution.
- The Rev. L. Wilson Davis,** Deacon, Minister of Grace Church, Sheboygan.
- The Rev. Solomon Davis,** Rector of Hobart Church, Oneida Indians, Duck Creek.
- † **The Rev. E. A. Greenleaf,** Missionary at Stillwater, Lake St. Croix.
- † **The Rev. F. R. Haff,** Assistant Minister of Hobart Church, Oneida Indians, Duck Creek.
- The Rev. F. W. Hatch,** Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Southport.
- The Rev. William Homman,** Rector of Christ Church, Green Bay.
- † **The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Watertown.
- The Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham,** Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Milwaukee.
- The Rev. John Johnstone, M. D.,** Deacon, Missionary for Waterville, Ottowah, and Ashpen.
- The Rev. David Keene,** Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Milwaukee.
- † **The Rev. Samuel Marks,** Rector of St. Luke's Church, Racine.
- † **The Rev. Samuel K. Miller,** Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.
- † **The Rev. Stephen C. Millet,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Beloit.
- † **The Rev. Stephen McHugh,** Rector of Grace Church, Madison.
- † **The Rev. Thomas J. Ruger,** Rector of Trinity Church, Janesville.
- The Rev. Gustaf Unonius,** Rector of St. Olof's Church, Ashpen, and the Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake.
- † **The Rev. Eleazer Williams,** Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.
- Total number of Clergy, 23.

† Missionary of the General Board of Missions.

List of Delegates
ELECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE PARISHES
TO THE PRIMARY CONVENTION.

JUNE 1847.

-
- Christ Church, Green Bay.*—John V. Suydam, Dan'l Whitney, John Last, Edson Sherwood.
- St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.*—P. Potter, F. Randall, J. A. Helfenstein, B. McVickar, M. D.
- Hobart Church, Oneida Indians.*—Degawyaderen, (Head Chief;) Yotsinaroda, Thanetorens, Nisatyerha, (Interpreter.)
- St. Matthew's Church, Southport.*—C. J. Hutchinson, J. R. Phelps, T. Yates, Mr. Patterson.
- St. Albans' Church, Lisbon.*—George Elliott, Henry Shears, Edmund Brainard.
- St. Luke's Church, Racine.*—I. J. Ullman, Philo White, H. N. Chapman, H. W. Johnson.
- St. Matthias' Church, Waukeshaw.*—C. R. Dakin, W. T. Ward, and Messrs. Chamberlain and Murray.
- Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake.*—John Gassman.
- St. Olof's Church, Ashipun.*—E. Bjornsen.
- St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah.*—D. Warner, M. D., Abr'm G. Gurney, John Hill.
- Zion Church, Oconomowoc.*—John S. Rockwell, Thomas Salter.
- Trinity Church, Milwaukee.*—J. W. Meadbury, M. B. Butterfield, L. Comstock, E. L. Phelps.
- Grace Church, Sheboygan.*—S. F. Benjamin, Henry H. Conklin, W. R. Woodbury, F. G. Peabody.
- St. John's Church, Milwaukee.*—L. W. Weeks, M. D., Rufus King, E. Edwards, W. H. Cross.
- St. Paul's Church, Watertown.*—Daniel Jones.
- Trinity Church, Janesville.*—J. B. Doe, M. B. Edson, E. S. Roberts.
- Christ Church, Delavan.*—G. Thomas, H. Wells, J. Rector, H. Barlow.
- St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.*—Messrs. Hoppin and Savage.
- Christ Church, Fox Lake.*—Gorden Merrell.

Total number of Delegates elected, 57.

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IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST,
Milwaukee, Thursday, June 24, 1847.

The clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church residing in the Territory of Wisconsin, and under the canonical jurisdiction of the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D.D., Missionary Bishop for Wisconsin, &c., and a number of Delegates from organized parishes within the territory, assembled this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, pursuant to the following call:—

TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN.

“At the request of the clergy of the territory, I hereby call a convention to organize a diocese. All the clergy who are canonically connected with me in this mission, and who reside within Wisconsin, will please to attend and bring with them a delegate or delegates, (not exceeding four,) from each parish with which they are connected, or the vacant parishes in their vicinity. And I exhort all the members and friends of the Church, who are scattered throughout this new and interesting country, to meet together, and if possible, form parishes and elect delegates. The convention will be held in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, on Thursday, 24th June next, at ten o'clock A. M., and will be opened with divine service and a sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion.

“This is the time to collect information concerning the planting, growth, and present state of the Church in Wisconsin. I request, therefore, that the clerical and (if the parish be vacant) the lay members be ready with ample statements, for it is desirable to know, —

1. When each parish was organized.
 2. Number of baptisms, viz., infants and adults, since the organization of the parish.
 3. Number of confirmations, do.
 4. Number of communicants then and now—males and females—how affected by death, removal, &c.
 5. Number of burials since organization.
 6. Number of marriages since organization.
 7. Number of families now, and when organized.
 8. Number of individuals now, and then.
 9. Whether a church edifice, parsonage, or parish school-house.
 10. Whether Sunday-school—number of pupils and teachers.
 11. How much money has been contributed, and to what objects.
 12. Whether a parish library—and number of volumes.
 13. Stations each clergyman officiates at—and how frequently.
- "Answers to these or some similar inquiries will afford valuable information, and be interesting to the whole Church.

Very faithfully

DELAFIELD, Wisconsin Territory.
27th February, 1847.

You friend and Bishop,
JACKSON KEMPER."

The Convention was opened with Public Common Prayer, administration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon.

Morning Common Prayer, by the Rev. E. G. Gear, Chaplain at Fort Snelling, St. Peter's, Iowa Territory.

The Lessons, by the Rev. A. P. Merrill, Missionary at Port Gibson, Mississippi.

Sermon, by the Rev. E. N. Greenleaf, Missionary at Stillwater, Lake St. Croix.

After sermon, the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D.D., admitted the Rev. F. R. Haff, Deacon, assistant minister of Hobart Church, Onedia Indians, to the order of Priesthood. The candidate was presented by the Rev. S. Davis.

After ordination, the Bishop administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. E. A. Greenleaf.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. in the chair.

On motion,—*Resolved*, That the Bishop appoint a committee of three to appropriate seats for the various delegations.

Ordered, That the Rev. B. Akerly, the Rev. D. Keene, and J. V. Suydam, be said committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to meet in the same place at 2 o'clock, this P. M.

The Convention adjourned.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION—THURSDAY.

June 24, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. having taken the chair, and called the Convention to order, delivered the following address :—

Brethren.—The clerical and lay members of this assembly ! Interesting and sacred subjects have brought you together, and the result of your deliberations will be, I trust, the formation of a new diocese.

You are Christians—you are members of that Church which, in our most solemn creeds, we all acknowledge to be holy, catholic and apostolic: which is the spouse and body of Christ, and for which he shed his most precious blood. This morning we fervently supplicated the Almighty to “ direct, sanctify, and govern us in our present work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost ;” I beseech you, therefore, during all your deliberations, to act worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love ; endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Let all bitterness, and anger, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice ; be ye, in a word, followers of God as dear children.

If you resolve to become an integral member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, your first object will be to adopt a constitution for the Diocese. In reference to this subject, I rejoice to say, there are many models to which you can refer, besides the experience of some of the wisest and best men of our age and country. Let it consist of a few fundamental principles, precisely and clearly expressed ; those principles and only those which have been found to be conservative and necessary.

The canons of the Diocese should be as few as possible ; and yet it is very desirable to secure a complete code, so that you may avoid continual legislation. The infirmity of our nature requires minute directions with respect to trials : for, however to be avoided, and even dreaded, they are necessary at times for the preservation of our most holy faith and the vindication of the purifying and sublime morality of the Gospel. The whole subject of testimony is exceedingly imperfect, and perhaps, in this our state of probation and spiritual warfare, it will always continue so. There are however some most important views unfolded in the scriptures, from which, so long as we call ourselves Christians, we should never deviate. Guided by them we shall always require the strongest evidence the case admits of ; never condemn without the testimony of two or more competent witnesses to each accusation ; and prefer, upon all occasions, the escape of a dozen guilty persons, to the condemnation of an innocent one. Punishment is declared to be the strange work of the Most High ; and it should be equally so of his Church and the members thereof. There are occasions however when it must be inflicted ; but a trial should never be resorted to until all other measures have failed. The directions of our Divine Master are most explicit upon this subject ; and those who dare to violate them, richly merit the disapprobation of the Church. Our union with one another as members of that Body of which Christ is the glorious Head, is sacred, mysterious and endearing : and before one step is taken to expose or cut off an individual who has professed the “ one Lord, one

faith," with ourselves, private entreaty, warning and admonition—and then, if needs be, earnest and affectionate expostulation in the presence of two or more brethren beloved, should be used. The solemn motive of the love of Christ when duly presented, in kindness and secrecy, will often prove irresistible—will win a thoughtless or wandering brother, and keep him an humble penitent and faithful labourer in that fold for which the Redeemer poured out his soul unto death.

The peculiar connection which has thus far existed between us, will sanction, I hope, any frank remarks which I may offer. I am exceedingly solicitous that as a diocese you take a right minded and conservative stand, free from the local difficulties and personal prejudices which at present agitate our beloved Zion, and retard her growth and prosperity. There are many *opinions* concerning which we may lawfully and perhaps beneficially differ, and at the same time unite most cordially, according to our acknowledged doctrines and worship, in every measure for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Let us avoid the party spirit which is often as rancorous as it is groundless, and which is nourished by a few mischievous and reckless beings, who attack with virulence, whatever is not exactly conformed to their own imperfect views and crude notions; and who, especially, through the columns of our religious newspapers, so called, have shamefully reviled some of the ablest members of Christ's Holy Church. The standards of our faith and practice are plain and conspicuous, and can be read of all men. Our primitive symbols, our evangelical worship, and those admirable articles which the Reformation so imperiously required no less than our own times, for the condemnation of error and superstition and the maintenance of Christian truth and love—around these we should rally boldly yet with meekness; and, as they are most wonderfully and delightfully conformed to the spirit and sentiments of the volume of inspiration, we should be ready to lay down our lives rather than permit such precious land-marks to be broken down or removed. Let then your delegates to the General Convention, as well as the members of the standing committee or council of advice, be men in whose Christian integrity, devotion to the best interests of the Church, and love of unity, you can implicitly rely—men, who in the time of danger will put forth their untiring efforts to allay the raging storm, and who will never fear for the safety of that ark, which, through Christ, is our only refuge.

As our existence as a Church is now in reality to commence, I trust there will be an united effort on the part both of my clerical and lay brethren to begin aright, in strict and delightful conformity to all the rubrics, rites and usages of the Church. As an independent but true branch of the sacred Vine, the American Church is by no means one hundred years old, and as every part of the Book of Common Prayer came under review since the declaration of our civil independence, we may truly assert that there is nothing obsolete in our whole system of discipline or worship. May I not then hope, that forgetting past neglects and careless habits, we will with one heart and one mind strive to fulfil the designs of our great and glorious English reformers—whose blood so greatly enriched the Church—and hereafter celebrate our truly scriptural worship with our bodies and our souls, our hearts and our voices, in spirit and in truth, in the beauty of holiness.

We organize at an eventful and most interesting period of the Church—a period of alarm to some—but of the most ardent hopes to others; and in their expectations, I confess, I fully participate. How

gloriously is our mother Church fulfilling her high and most responsible duties, even while she has some cowards, some traitors, and some apostates in her bosom. The Church of Rome has exulted; but she has exulted in vain. Her dark designs, her jesuitical practices, her idolatrous rites, and her unfounded claims, are now more fully understood than ever. And although some of the able men of the Anglican Church have bowed to her usurping sceptre, and fled from the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, to her more than Egyptian bondage, yet in the place of each one of them a thousand of her noblest sons have arisen, and are ready to preach the gospel in all its simplicity and force, in every corner of their own land, or in the remotest regions of the world. And I verily believe, that amidst the storm which at present agitates us, and which has been raised by some fearful and a few malignant men, and one or two most unhappy circumstances, we shall find the Church lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes; her heralds more devout, more faithful and more self-sacrificing than ever; and her members, thoroughly imbued with her primitive, evangelical and catholic doctrines, pre-eminently zealous of good works. Let us then lay the foundation of our beloved Church deep and broad in this fertile and beautiful country of the West. And while we secure to ourselves all the inestimable privileges she possesses, let us prepare for her future growth and permanency.

Through the aid of a few clergymen, who came to the West immediately after their ordination, successful and efficient measures have been adopted for training young men for the ministry of reconciliation. The discipline and instruction have been so correct at Nashotah, that I have encouraged all candidates for holy orders, who are connected with my jurisdiction, to avail themselves of its advantages. It is not yet incorporated. If duly encouraged and sustained, it will prove a great blessing to the Church in the West, and at a day not far distant be entitled, I trust, to chartered privileges.

I have admitted, since the festival of the Nativity, seven* candidates to deacons' orders, and have now (not including those who belong to the diocese of Indiana) the names of five candidates on my book, viz. John Ambrose Wheelock, William Leach M. F. Sörenson, William Markoe and John McNamara. Besides these, there are about twelve young men attending to their preparatory studies, with a view of devoting themselves to the service of the Church. When we recollect that years have elapsed without my being able to induce one clergyman to join us from the East, the facts I have now mentioned must be to you all a source of gratitude and joy. If we appreciate our privileges according to their real value—divine truths in which our eternal welfare is concerned, we shall put forth our best efforts to spread far and wide the Church of our choice and affections—the Church of the living God—the pillar and ground of the truth.

Deeply anxious as I am for the increase of our clergy, (for at this moment I could find constant employment for more than twenty within the bounds of my mission,) I solicit you to be exceedingly cautious with respect to the persons you recommend for holy orders. They must neither be novices nor uninstructed, but apt and meet for their learning and godly conversation, to exercise their ministry duly to the honour of God, and the edifying of the Church. They will often en-

* Another has been admitted since Convention.

counter the strongest minds, ignorant of the sublimest truths, or perverted by every species of error. What knowledge of mankind and of the Holy Scriptures, and what faith, meekness and perseverance will be necessary to bring such men under the constraining influence of Gospel principles! We have been injured and even disgraced by those who have been admitted to orders without a long and thorough trial of their motives, their abilities and their acquirements.

Our brethren at the East, we think, may thank God and take courage from the success which the great Head of the Church has granted to our labours in this Territory. The presence of twenty* clergymen out of twenty-two who are entitled to participate in our deliberations, nine of whom have been admitted by me to the diaconate, and seven to the priesthood; and the representatives of several parishes, among whom are four Oneidas and two Norwegians, afford great gratification. Most of our parishes are, however, as yet very feeble, and further aid in sustaining the missionaries is exceedingly desirable. But I beseech you, depend not on it if possible, and relinquish it at the earliest day. Of late it has apparently been afforded with much reluctance, and at such long and uncertain intervals, even when solemnly pledged, as almost to destroy the value of the gift. All the denominations around us have been, are, and will be for years to come, sustained by their more zealous brethren. Are only those of our household of faith to be neglected or forgotten—are only the Church's missionaries to be abandoned or left to perish amidst their manifold trials? Surely the interesting fact that thirteen of the clergy now before me, in this new country, are not receiving, and do not expect to receive, any aid from the Domestic Committee, must convince our brethren, that we have endured much, and that assistance will be immediately relinquished whenever it is not absolutely necessary.

There are many topics which now or at an early day should demand our attention. We already want schools of various grades where our sons and daughters, when necessity compels us to send them from home, can be educated in the bosom of the Church, and taught above all other things, to be truly sensible of their baptismal privileges.

Lots or pieces of land, duly situated and of the proper size, should be secured in every place for churches, wherever there is a reasonable prospect they may be erected. Think not, I beseech you, under any circumstances, of elegant or expensive buildings. Leave them to the next generation. You want places of worship exclusively your own, where divine service can be celebrated at all times; and which, without foreign aid, can be made comfortable by your own generous efforts, and finished without debt. To each parish a parsonage and a glebe should belong, and especially a burying-ground. Some interesting plans of cheap churches will be laid before the members of the convention during the session.

You will find by a statement to be submitted to you, that some efforts have already been made towards the formation of a fund for the support of a Diocesan.

The sacred cause of missions demands your earliest attention; and will receive, I trust, through life, your most generous support and fervent prayers. Truly ye have received the inestimable truths and consolations of the holy scriptures; freely impart them to those who are in need.

* Another came during the Evening.

I believe that proper measures can be adopted by which many of your Sunday-schools will be supplied with libraries, and your parishes with Prayer-Books.

Praying that you may have a right judgment in all things, and that this meeting may result in much good to the Church of our adorable Lord, I close with assuring you of my hearty co-operation in every effort to promote the peace and prosperity of our beloved Zion.

On motion, The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary.

The Rev. S. C. Millett being nominated, was *viva voce*, unanimously elected.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Rev. E. G. Gear, Chaplain at Fort Snelling, Iowa Territory, and the Rev. A. P. Merrill, of Port Gibson, Miss., be invited to seats in this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. J. L. Breck—*Resolved*, That this Convention do now proceed to organize the Church in this Territory into a diocese, to be known as the Diocese of Wisconsin.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Bishop appoint a committee of three to prepare rules of order for this Convention.

Ordered, That the Rev. S. Marks, H. N. Chapman, and Rufus King, be said committee.

Permission was granted the Committee on "Rules of Order" to retire.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Bishop appoint a Committee of three to receive testimonials, and report a list of Delegates entitled to seats in this Convention.

Ordered, That P. Potter, J. V. Suydam, and J. A. Helfenstein, be said Committee.

Permission was granted the Committee on Delegates to retire.

The Rev. B. Akerly presented a Constitution and body of Canons, drawn up by the Bishop and Clergy of the Territory of Wisconsin, in convocation assembled, at Racine, May 6th, 7th, and 8th, A. D. 1846, and offered them to the Convention as the basis of a code of Canon Laws for this Diocese.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Bishop appoint a committee of five to report a Constitution and body of Canons, for this Diocese, and ; That the document presented to this Convention by the Rev. Secretary of Convocation be received, and referred to said Committee.

Ordered, That the Rev. F. W. Hatch, the Rev. S. Davis, the Rev. B. Akerly, I. J. Ullman, and B. McVickar, M.D., be said Committee.

Permission was granted the Committee on Constitution and Canons to retire.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Bishop to take into consideration, and to report a plan for the furtherance of missions in this diocese.

Ordered, That the Rev. M. Hoyt, M. B. Butterfield, and J. R. Phelps, be said committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Bishop appoint a Committee of three to propose a plan for the creation of an Episcopal Fund.

Ordered, That the Rev. T. J. Ruger, J. W. Meadbury, and George Thomas, be said Committee.

The Committee on Rules of Order, reported.

"The Committee to whom was referred the drafting of Rules of Order for the government of the Convention, respectfully recommend the Rules of the General Convention of 1838, with the exception of the 3d, which is reported in the following form:

"3d. No member shall absent himself from the services of the House, unless he have leave from a Committee appointed for that purpose."

Per Order of Committee,

H. N. CHAPMAN, Chairman."

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Rules of Order was accepted.

On motion—*Resolved*, That each article be considered and acted upon separately.

Art. 1. Adopted.

Art. 2. do.

Art. 3. On motion—*Resolved*, To strike out all after the words "have leave," and substitute "of the chair."

Art. 4. Adopted.

Art. 5. do.

Art. 6. do.

Art. 7. On motion—*Resolved*, That the 7th rule be stricken out.

Art. 8. Adopted.

Art. 9. On motion—*Resolved*, That after the words "to commit," the words, "to lay on the table" be added.

Art. 10. Adopted.

Art. 11. do.

For Rules of Order as adopted, see appendix A.

The Committee on the Delegates to the Convention, reported.

"The Committee appointed to examine the credentials of the Delegates from the several Parishes, Report the following names as entitled to seats in this Convention :—

Christ Church, Green Bay. John V. Suydam, D. Whitney, J. East, E. Sherwood.

St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee. P. Potter, F. Randall, J. A. Helfenstein, B. McVicar, M. D.

Hobart Church, Oneida Indians. Daniel Bread, Degawyaderen, Aristogines Ninham, Nisatyerha. Isaac Cyrus, Yotsinaroda. Anthony Atsequette, Thanetorens.

St. Matthew's Church, Southport. C. I. Hutchinson, J. R. Phelps, T. Yates, Mr. Patterson.]

St. Alban's Church, Lisbon. Geo. Elliott, Henry Shears, Edmund Brinard.

St. Luke's Church, Racine. I. J. Ullman, Philo White, H. N. Chapman, H. W. Johnson.

St. Matthias' Church, Waukeshaw. C. R. Dakin, W. T. Ward. Messrs. Chamberlin and Murray.

Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake. John Gassman.

St. Olof's Church, Ashpen. E. Bjornson.

St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah. D. Warner M. D., A. G. Gurney, John Hill.

Zion Church, Oconomowoc. John S. Rockwell, Thomas Salter.

Trinity Church, Milwaukee. J. W. Meadbury, M. B. Butterfield, L. Comstock, E. L. Phelps.

Grace Church, Sheboygan. S. F. Benjamin, H. H. Conklin, W. R. Woodbury, F. G. Peabody.

St. John's Church, Milwaukee. L. W. Weeks, M. D., Rufus King, E. Edwards, W. H. Cross.

St. Paul's Church, Watertown. Daniel Jones.

Trinity Church, Janesville. J. B. Doe, M. B. Edson, E. S. Roberts.

Christ Church, Delavan. G. Thomas, H. Wells, J. Rector, H. Barlow.

St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.—Messrs. Hoppin and Savage.

Christ Church, Fox Lake. Gorden Merrell.

P. Potter presented in the name of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, a "Constitution for the Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Territory of Wisconsin."

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Constitution presented by St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, be referred to a Committee of three, and that the same Committee take into consideration the incorporation of parishes.

Ordered, That P. White, J. B. Doe, and A. G. Gurney, be said Committee.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons, reported.

On motion, each article was read and acted upon separately, and adopted, as in appendix B.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to meet in the same place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Convention adjourned.

St. Paul's Church, June 24, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Evening Common Prayer by the Rev. J. L. Breck. Lessons by the L. W. Davis. Sermon by the Rev. E. G. Gear.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION—FRIDAY.

Milwaukee, June 25, 1847. 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll of the Clergy of the Territory was called when the following answered to their names:

The Right Reverend Jackson Kemper D. D. The Rev. Messrs W. Adams, B. Akerly, W. C. Armstrong, G. R. Bartlett, J. L. Breck, L. W. Davis, S. Davis, E. A. Greenleaf, F. R. Haff, F. W. Hatch, W. Homman, M. Hoyt, J. P. T. Ingraham, J. Johnstone, D. Keene, S. Marks, S. K. Miller, S. C. Millett, S. M'Hugh, T. J. Ruger, G. Unonius.

The Parishes of the Territory were then called, when the following Delegates answered, and took their seats as members of the Convention:—

Christ Church, Green Bay. J. V. Suydam.

St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee. P. Potter. F. Randall. J. A. Helfenstein. B. McVickar, M. D.

Hobart Church, Oneida Indians. Degawyaderen. Yotsinaroda. Thanetorens, Nisatyerha.

St. Matthew's Church, Southport. T. Yates. J. R. Phelps.

St. Albans' Church, Lisbon. G. Elliot. H. Shears. E. Brainard.

St. Luke's Church, Racine. I. J. Ullman. P. White. H. N. Chapman. H. W. Johnson.

St. Matthias' Church, Waukeshaw. C. R. Dakin. W. T. Ward.

Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake. John Gassman.

St. Olof's Church, Ashpen. E. Bjornson.

St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah. D. Warner, M. D. A. G. Gurney.

Zion Church, Oconomowoc. J. S. Rockwell. T. Salter.

Trinity Church, Milwaukee. J. W. Meadbury. M. B. Butterfield.

Grace Church, Sheboygan. S. F. Benjamin.

St. John's Church, Milwaukee. R. King. E. Edwards.

St. Paul's Church, Watertown. D. Jones.

Trinity Church, Janesville. J. B. Doe. M. B. Edson.

Christ Church, Delavan. G. Thomas.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed on the "State of the Church."

Ordered, That the Rev. Messrs, F. W. Hatch, M. Hoyt, E. A. Greenleaf, G. Unonius, and F. R. Haff, be said committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of seven be appointed to consider as to the expediency of electing a Bishop for this Diocese.

Ordered, That the Rev. Messrs. S. Davis, and S. Marks, and Messrs. J. W. Meadbury, J. B. Doe, H. W. Johnson, F. Randall, and J. S. Rockwell, be said Committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of seven be appointed to nominate candidates for the various offices in this Diocese.

Ordered, That the Rev. Messrs. T. J. Ruger, W. Adams, and B. Akerly, and Messrs. P. Potter, I. J. Ullman, W. T. Ward, and S. F. Benjamin, be said committee.

H. N. Chapman offered the following :—

Resolved, That the Convention of 1848 be held in St. Luke's Church, Racine.

On motion, the resolution of H. N. Chapman was laid upon the table.

The Committee to whom was referred the Constitution for Parishes presented by St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, reported :—

"The Committee to whom was referred the form of a Constitution for the Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Wisconsin, having carefully examined the paper referred to them by the Convention, and compared it with the law passed at the last session of our Territorial Legislature, beg leave to report said paper back to the Convention, with some slight amendments, as a suitable form for the parish churches of this diocese.

PHILO WHITE, Chairman.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on a Constitution for Parishes be accepted.

On motion—*Resolved*, That each article be read and passed upon separately.

Each article on being read, was passed upon, and the whole adopted as in Appendix C.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church be recommended to organize under the act passed by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin, entitled, "An Act, to

provide for the incorporation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and other religious societies in the Territory of Wisconsin."

For Act of Incorporation, see Appendix D.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to meet in the same place at 2 o'clock this P. M.

St. Paul's Church, June 25, 1847.

10 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Common Prayer, by the Rev. F. R. Haff.—
Lessons, by the Rev. W. C. Armstrong. Sermon, by the Rev. F. W. Hatch.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION—THURSDAY.

June 25, 1847. 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, Clergy and Delegates as in the morning.

The Committee on the expediency of electing a Bishop for this diocese, reported :—

"The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the election of a Bishop for this Diocese,

Respectfully report, That they have had the subject under consideration, and are unanimous in the opinion, that the best interests of the Church in this Territory will be promoted by the election, by this Convention, of a Bishop.

They, therefore, offer the following resolution :—

Resolved, That at the hour of three o'clock P. M., this day, this Convention proceed to the election of a Bishop for the Diocese of Wisconsin.

SOLOMON DAVIS, Chairman of Committee.

Wisconsin, June 25th, 1847.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on the election of a Bishop, be accepted, and its recommendation adopted.

Pending the hour of three o'clock, the reports of Parishes, embracing statistical information, were read. See Appendix E.

The hour of 3 o'clock, P. M. having arrived, the Convention proceeded to make choice of a Bishop, for the Diocese of Wisconsin.

Ordered, That the Rev. Messrs. L. W. Davis, and W. C. Armstrong, be tellers to receive the votes of the Clergy.

On motion—*Resolved*, That before proceeding to ballot for a Bishop, the Convention, secretly in prayer, ask the grace of God to guide it aright.

After some moments spent in prayer, the Convention proceeded to an election.

Upon the call of the Secretary, the Clergy having deposited their votes, the Tellers announced to the Convention :

That *twenty-one* votes had been cast, and ;

That the RIGHT REV. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D., had received *twenty-one* votes.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., having thus been unanimously nominated and appointed by the Clergy as Bishop of this Diocese ;

Ordered, That Rufus King and Evan Edwards be Tellers to receive the votes of Parishes.

Upon the call of the Secretary, the Parishes having deposited their votes, the Tellers announced to the Convention :

That *fourteen* Parishes had voted, and ;

That *fourteen* votes were cast in approval of the nomination made by the Clergy of the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.

Thereupon it was announced to the Chair : That the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Missionary Bishop for Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Indian Territory north of 36 1-2, having received the unanimous vote of both Clergy and Laity, he was, therefore, elected Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

The Missionary Bishop of the North West, in a short address returned thanks to the Clergy and Laity of Wisconsin for this mark of their confidence and esteem. He could not, however, decide to accept the office of Diocesan till after the meeting of the General Convention in October next, when he would inform the Diocese, by letter, of his decision.

On motion—the Resolution of H. N. Chapman, laid upon the table during this morning's session, was taken up.

Whereupon J. B. Doe offered the following substitute :

Resolved, That next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in Trinity Church, Janesville.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the subject of the place of meeting of the next Annual Convention be laid upon the table in order to proceed with the Elections.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following as candidates for the various offices in this Diocese :—

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Clerical. The Rev. Messrs. S. Davis, F. W. Hatch, S. Marks, T. J. Ruger.

Lay. Messrs. J. A. Helfenstein, B. McVicar, M. D., W. T. Ward, A. H. Smith.

SUPPLEMENTARY DELEGATES.

Clerical. The Rev. Messrs. S. C. Millett, E. A. Greenleaf, M. Hoyt, S. McHugh.

Lay. Messrs. J. S. Rockwell, I. J. Ullman, H. W. Johnson, W. R. Gorslin.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Clerical. The Rev. Messrs. S. C. Millett, W. Hommann, G. Unonius, S. K. Miller.

Lay. Messrs. P. Potter, F. Randall, D. Warner, M. D. William Lupton.

TREASURER OF CONVENTION.

J. Albert Helfenstein.

By request of the Rev. M. Hoyt, his name was stricken off as a candidate for the office of Supplementary Delegate.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention do now proceed to ballot for Delegates, and Supplementary Delegates to the General Convention.

Ordered, That J. B. Doe, and M. B. Edson, be Tellers to receive the Clerical votes.

Ordered, That the Rev. Messrs. D. Keene, and F. R. Haff, be Tellers to receive the Lay votes.

The Convention having balloted, the following were declared to have received a majority of the votes cast, and to be duly elected :—

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

The Rev. Messrs. S. Davis, T. J. Ruger, F. W. Hatch, S. C. Millett.

LAY DELEGATES.

Messrs. J. A. Helfenstein, B. McVicar, M. D., W. T. Ward, A. H. Smith.

SUPPLEMENTARY CLERICAL DELEGATES.

The Rev. Messrs. S. C. Millett, E. A. Greenleaf, S. McHugh.

SUPPLEMENTARY LAY DELEGATES.

H. W. Johnson, J. S. Rockwell, C. J. Hutchinson, W. R. Gorslin.

The Committee on Missions, reported :

“The Committee appointed to take into consideration the furtherance of Missions in this Diocese, report as follows :—

1. In every parish in this Diocese there shall be quarterly collections for Missionary purposes, and it shall be the duty of every clergy-

man to give due notice of such collection, and to call the attention of the congregation to its importance and claims.

2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of each parish to forward the proceeds of the collections, contributions, and donations for Missionary purposes to the Treasurer of the Diocese, designating the object thereof.

3. The Bishop and Standing Committee shall constitute the Board of Missions. They shall have power to draw for all monies in the hands of the Treasurer for Missionary purposes, and to apply the same to said cause, as they shall deem most conducive to the good of the Church, and shall report their doings to the Convention, annually."

MELANCTHON HOYT,

Chairman of Missionary Committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the report of the Missionary Committee be accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

On motion of F. Randall—*Resolved*, That the vote for Delegates to the General Convention having been taken by orders—instead of by individuals as the Constitution requires—the said vote is hereby declared void,—and that the Convention do now proceed to elect four Clerical and four Lay Delegates to the General Convention.

Ordered, That the Rev. L. W. Davis, and F. Randall be Tellers to receive the votes for Delegates to the General Convention.

The Convention having balloted, the following were declared to have received a majority of the votes cast, and to be duly elected.

Clerical. The Rev. Messrs. S. Davis, T. J. Ruger, F. W. Hatch, S. Marks.

Lay. Messrs. J. A. Helfenstein, B. McVicar, M.D., W. T. Ward, A. H. Smith.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention do now proceed to an election for the Standing Committee, and also for a Treasurer of the Diocese.

Ordered, That the Rev. W. Hommann, and J. V. Suydam be Tellers to receive the votes of the Convention.

The Convention having balloted, the following were declared duly elected :—

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Clerical. The Rev. Messrs. S. C. Millett, B. Akerly, S. K. Miller, W. Hommann.

Lay. Messrs. P. Potter, F. Randall, D. Warner, M.D., and Wm. Lupton.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

J. Albert Helfenstein.

The Rev. B. Akerly asked to be excused from serving on the Standing Committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Rev. B. Akerly be excused from serving on the Standing Committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention do now proceed to elect one Clerical member of the Standing Committee.

The Convention having balloted, the Rev. Gustaf Uno-nius was declared duly elected.

The Treasurer of "The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Territory of Wisconsin, for the advancement of Christianity," presented his report of monies received and expended.

On motion, The report was read.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the report of the late Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Territory of Wisconsin be printed along with the proceedings of this Convention. See Appendix F.

The Treasurer of the "Episcopal Fund" presented his report.

On motion, The report was read.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund be printed along with the proceedings of this Convention. See Appendix G.

The committee on the Episcopal Fund, reported :—

The Committee on the Episcopal Fund, respectfully report :— That the sum of nearly two hundred dollars has been placed in the hands of the late Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, a part of which, as will be seen by his report, has been invested for accumulation.

The Committee would respectfully recommend, that such funds as have been received, or may be received before the meeting of the next Annual Convention, be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Diocese, to be by him invested for accumulation ; and they further recommend, That the Parishes of this Diocese be requested to make contributions on Christmas Day, and Easter Sunday, in aid of this fund, and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Diocese,

T. J. RUGER,
J. W. MEADBURY.

On motion, The report of the Committee on the "Episcopal Fund" was laid upon the table.

The Committee on the state of the Church, reported :—

From the parochial reports presented to this Convention, it is evident that the Church in this diocese, as recently organized, commences her high career under the favouring and prospering hand of her Divine

Head. With a few "small loaves and fishes," and a few widely scattered hands to administer them, very many "ready to perish" have been fed and nourished into spiritual life and action. The harvest has been great, the labourers few, and the increase manifold. The steady onward progress of divine truth, as exhibited by the Church, appears not to have been disturbed by those discordant elements whose unwholesome action has been felt in some other parts of our beloved Zion, and especially in the Mother Church abroad. We trust it will long remain so. The Bible, "the religion of Protestants," so declared by a name that will never perish and by their own decrees—the sacred transcript of that blessed book, the embodiment of the faith and aspirations of the Church, as exhibited in the Prayer-Book, with a reverential regard for the testimony and example of the earlier and later Fathers, are the grand and guiding influences by which the Church in this Territory has been hitherto led on in her appointed course, and attained the enviable position which she now occupies. It is believed that the Gospel is faithfully preached, and the sacraments duly administered, in the full limits to which we have as yet extended. But in view of our vast Territory and its teeming population, we are, as a body, but as a cloud "the size of a man's hand." Twenty clergymen above our present number, and possessed of the proper spirit, might, at this moment, be employed in the common cause of evangelical truth and apostolic order. As many self-denying missionaries of the Cross would do well their Master's will, were they leagued with us and labouring at our side. The Church in Wisconsin has been blessed with much kindly care from the East, and she blesses her benefactors in return. But she is not yet in her perfect state: her cry is yet, help us, we are "bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh." If to this cry a dull ear is rendered, our appeal must be made in sole dependence to Him who has said, "Lo, I am with you." If our eastern brethren will cast their eyes over the pages of the Journal of this Convention, they will perceive that the faith and prayer and means which they have consecrated for the benefit of souls in the far North West, have been hallowed by a propitious breathing from on High, and that many a bone of the valley, bleached and dry, has sprung into life through their instrumentality.

Constituted now a Diocese and entering upon a glorious career, with a Bishop Elect at our head, the choice of *all*, unhampered by party partialities, and uncursed by proscriptive zeal.—united as a band of brethren, and in full confidence of our beloved Bishop, and yet more, resting on Christ, the "Corner Stone," your Committee look to the future with an anxious but not fearful eye. How your Bishop shall be fed and clothed, as yet we know not, but we do not doubt that He to whom the demands of tribute were supplied from the treasures of the sea, will provide for this.

In the impartial review of our present condition, your Committee look with much confidence and hope to the Nashotah Mission. Though a private institution, it has an imposing bearing on the character and salutary influence of the Church in this Diocese, and has already contributed not a little to the increase of her ministry and the extension of her borders. It has from time to time been subjected to unworthy imputations of want of soundness in the true Protestant faith, but your Committee do not find sufficient reasons for the existence of such imputations, and they most heartily commend it to the confidence of all who love our Zion, looking with ardent hope to that consecrated ground

for many a pure and bright light to gladden the hearts of the sons and daughters of the Church.

The Scandinavian Post, in which we may well rejoice, and which of itself, in the opinion of the Committee, justifies all the prayers and expenses which have been bestowed on the whole Territorial Mission, presents a ground of thanksgiving to God and rejoicing before Him. We may well ask, what would have been, at this moment, the spiritual condition of the many hundreds of self-expatriated Norwegians and Swedes, but for the fostering care of the Church and the attending blessing of her Divine Head.

The Oneida mission, represented in this Convention by the Aboriginal chief of that nation and three of his own people, presents at once a subject both of humiliation and rejoicing. From the wasting leaves of the forest an evergreen has been preserved, which we trust will know no withering nor decay.

The Churches on the Lake shore are all in beauty and order, and exerting a moral influence, to which a glad response is returned from the interior.

In a word, your Committee are impressed with profound gratitude to God for His goodness, in so favouring and blessing our infant efforts, and making His own strength, strong in our weakness.

All which is respectfully submitted,

F. W. HATCH, Chairman.

For Tabular view of Baptisms, Confirmations, &c., accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, see APPENDIX H.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Convention adjourn to meet immediately after divine service.

Convention adjourned.

St. Paul's Church, June 25, 1847.

7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Evening Common Prayer, by the Rev. F. R. Haff.—
Lessons, by the Rev. B. Akerly. Sermon, by the Rev. W. Adams.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

June 25, 1847. 9 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to report the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which this Diocese is entitled.

Ordered, That the Rev. F. W. Hatch, and the Messrs. F. Randall and I. J. Ullman, be said Committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to report ways and means to defray the expenses of this Convention.

Ordered, That Messrs. J. R. Phelps, J. A. Helfenstein, and H. W. Johnson, be said Committee.

The Committee on Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, reported :—

That this Diocese is entitled to three Trustees.

On motion—*Resolved*, That this Convention proceed to elect, viva voce, three Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Whereupon, the Rev. F. W. Hatch, the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, and I. J. Ullman, were duly elected.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the Episcopal Fund be taken from the table.

On motion of the Rev. B. Akerly, *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee on the Episcopal Fund be accepted ; and that the recommendation to make contributions, in aid of this Fund on Christmas Day, and Easter Sunday, be adopted as a rule of this Diocese.

The Committee on defraying the expenses of the Convention, reported :

“ The Committee to whom was referred the Convention Fund,—
Respectfully report :—

1. That an immediate collection be taken in each Parish of this Diocese and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Diocese to meet the expenses of the present Convention.

2. That a Convention Fund be formed, and that a collection be taken in each Parish, at least once a year, for that purpose ; and that such collection be forwarded annually to the Treasurer of the Diocese before the meeting of the Convention.

3. That the assessment against this Diocese towards the Expenses of the General Convention be paid from this Fund.”

On motion—*Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on a Convention Fund be accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Resolutions referring to the place of the meeting of the next Annual Convention be taken from the table.

The resolution of H. N. Chapman, designating Racine as the place of the meeting of the next Annual Convention, was withdrawn by the offerer.

Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in Trinity Church, Janesville.

On motion of the Rev. E. A. Greenleaf—*Resolved*, That

the presence of four of our Red Brethren as Delegates from Hobart Church, Duck Creek, affords the highest pleasure to the members of this Convention ; and it is believed, that this is the first time since the planting of the Church in these United States, that any of them have ever mingled in her councils,—and they deem it a most gratifying and encouraging circumstance.

Upon the passage of this resolution, *Tay-ka-wia-ti-on*, (Bread) principal Chief of the Oneida Nation, through *Nisatyerha*, his interpreter, replied as follows :—

“ Fathers ! who are here assembled in Council on the concerns of the Church ! We see your great love to us, your *Red Brethren*. It is gratifying to our feelings. The things that have been done in this place, will increase in our minds a love for the Church, and make us better understand the Gospel way. We are thankful that you all seem gratified to have your Red Brethren come here where our Great Spiritual Father, the Bishop, appointed us to meet. When we came here we did not think you had so great love for us ; and we now feel unworthy of it. We knew our Great Father loved us : our hearts have often been warmed by his presence among us. It is good for us to be in this Church. We like its government. It is on good foundation. We believe it to be the right one,—the one made by our Saviour. Our nation have long been in this Church, though we have never been invited to a seat in her Councils before. We feel thankful that we have got so far. May the Great and Good Spirit who watched over us and conducted us here in safety, still continue to watch over us, and bring us in safety to our homes. This is all I have to say.”

On motion of the Rev. B. Akerly—*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to pay to J. A. Helfenstein the sum of \$—, being the balance due him as Treasurer of the late Territorial Missionary Society.

On motion of the Rev. F. W. Hatch—*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be requested to pay to some member of the Delegation to the General Convention, the sum of money made due by this Diocese, by General Canon I, of 1844, § 1, towards defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to apply to the next Legislature of the Territory for an act incorporating the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

Ordered, That H. N. Chapman, M. B. Butterfield, and F. Randall be said Committee.

On motion of the Rev. T. J. Ruger—*Resolved*, That the Rev. B. Akerly be a Committee to present the thanks of this

Convention to the citizens of Milwaukee for the courteous and hospitable manner in which they have entertained its members.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare for publication the journal of this Convention, and to cause the same to be printed as soon as practicable.

Ordered, That the Rev. B. Akerly, and Messrs. P. Potter, and J. A. Helfenstein be said Committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed; and that the Secretary forward one copy to each Parish, to each Clergyman, and to the Secretary of General Convention.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund until otherwise ordered by a subsequent Convention.

After singing the 79th Selection of Psalms, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

JACKSON KEMPER D.D.,
Bishop Presiding.

STEPHEN C. MILLETT, *Secretary.*

ARTICLE IV.

President of Convention.

The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese shall, ex officio, preside in Convention and be entitled to vote on all questions. The Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote, and in the absence of the Bishop, shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop and of the Assistant Bishop, or their inability to act, then the members shall elect, from the Presbyters, a President, pro tempore.

ARTICLE V.

Transaction of Business.

§1. The Bishop, with such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

§2. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such.

§3. On a call of any five members, the Convention shall vote by orders. In such a case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure, and each parish shall be entitled to only one vote.

§4. On every question, the votes of a majority of those present, or when voting by orders, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide the question.

ARTICLE VI.

Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.

§1. At each Annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen, from among its members, who shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, and when approved to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of the Bishop all originals, and to his successor, all books and papers relating to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession. An Assistant Secretary may also be chosen if requested by the Secretary.

§2. A Treasurer of this Convention shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office to the Secretary of the Convention for the use of the Convention, and shall present a statement of his accounts at each Annual Convention.

§3. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all money, bonds, mortgages, notes or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal, or incapacity.

ARTICLE VII.

Standing Committee.

§1. The Convention shall elect, annually, a Standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and four Laymen: who, when there is no

APPENDIX B.

CONSTITUTION
AND
CANONS
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

CONSECRATION.

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE, 1847.

ARTICLE I.

Acceding to General Constitution.

The Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, desirous of entering into federal union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, does, accordingly, accede to, recognize, and adopt the General Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Annual Convention.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the second Wednesday of June.

ARTICLE III.

Members of Convention.

§1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Laity.

§2. Every Clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese and having charge of some Parish, or officiating as a missionary within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as president, professor, tutor, or instructor in some college, academy, or seminary of learning constituted or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States, shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention.

§3. The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four Deputies from each congregation in this Diocese in union with this Convention, a certificate of whose appointment shall be signed by either the Minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the Vestry, and laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

motion, by a majority of votes : provided they shall have laid before the Convention a Constitution, subscribed by the Wardens, wherein they expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitutions and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and are duly incorporated, and regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and at least three Vestrymen.

ARTICLE XI.

Election of a Bishop.

§1. After the first, no other election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made, unless in an Annual Convention, or in a Special Convention called for the purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every Clergyman and Vestry of the Diocese.

§2. The election shall be made in the following manner:—The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office; and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. If two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote, be present, and two-thirds of all the Congregations entitled to vote be represented, then a majority of each order shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the Clergy and Congregations present, then two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XII.

Alteration of Constitution.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner : The proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted to the Annual Convention; and if approved of by a majority of both orders, shall lie over to the next Annual Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each order, shall become valid and obligatory.

Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.

Bishop, or he incapable of acting, shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared in this Constitution.

§2. The said Presbyters must be canonically connected with this Diocese, and at the time of their election must be in actual charge of a Parish.

§3. The Lay Members of the Committee must be communicants of some Church in the Diocese in union with the Convention.

§4. The Committee, at their first meeting, shall choose a President from among the Clerical Members, and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for that purpose, which book, and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop, and of the Convention.

§5. The Bishop shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in this body during the recess of the Convention.

§6. The whole being summoned, three of the Committee—both orders being represented—shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII.

Delegates to General Convention.

§1. At every Annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

§2. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters, canonically connected with this Diocese, and having parochial charges.

§3. In case of a failure or neglect of the Convention to elect Deputies, those already in office shall continue until successors are chosen.

§4. The Convention shall also elect, by ballot, a like number of Supplementary Deputies of each order, to serve as Deputies contingently.

§5. It shall be the duty of the Deputies-elect to signify to the Bishop in writing, at least six weeks before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment and intention to perform its duties: in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many from those of the Supplementary Deputies, as shall be necessary to insure a full representation of the Diocese; and the persons so designated shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by this Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

Special Convention.

§1. The Bishop shall have power to call a Special Convention.

§2. There shall be no less than six weeks notice, previous to the day appointed, given to the several Churches by a circular letter.

§3. Such Special Convention shall be holden at a place designated by the Ecclesiastical Authority calling it: and at such Special Convention no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

ARTICLE X.

Admission of Parishes.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on

ducted according to the system which may be settled by the Church in Convention; and at any time, according to the exigencies of the times, may be amended or altered by the same authority. But always the Missionaries shall be nominated by the Bishop, and the Standing Committee as the regular authorities of the Diocese.

CANON VI.

Mode of Trying Clergymen.

§1. If a Clergyman of this Church offend against any Canon of the General Convention of the Church, or against any Canon of this Diocese, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing by any two persons, who shall be communicants, and one of them shall be a Presbyter of this Church.

§2. The Standing Committee, if they deem the charges well founded, shall present said Clergyman to the Bishop, for trial.

§3. The Bishop shall, thereupon, summon a jury of three Presbyters who shall be the judges both of the law and the facts. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge-Advocate, who shall be a Presbyter of the Church in this Diocese, and shall give the accused a copy of the charges presented to the Bishop, and also sixty days notice of the time and place of trial.

§4. If the accused shall not appear at the trial without assigning sufficient cause, the judgment of the court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the space of six months: and if, during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the Ministry.

§5. The judgment of the court shall, in all cases, be made known in writing to the accused, and to the Wardens and Vestrymen of his Parish, together with the charges and specifications, and an outline of the evidence produced on the trial, if it shall be demanded by the accused.

§6. If the Bishop approve the judgment, he shall, within thirty days, proceed to administer the discipline prescribed by the court.

§7. Should the Bishop disapprove the decision of the court, he may summon a new court, and order a new trial, and the judgment of the second court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

§8. In case of the suspension of any Clergyman, such suspension may be either for a limited period, or until the offender give to the Bishop satisfactory evidence of contrition and reformation.

§9. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, ipso facto, sever the connection between the Clergyman so suspended, and his Parish.

§10. In all cases where charges are canonically preferred against a Clergyman of this Church the accused shall have the right to demand a trial, which demand must be made in writing, and if not granted within three months the charges shall be discontinued.

CANON VII.

Alteration of Canons.

No alterations in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.

CANONS
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

CANONS.

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 1847.

CANON I.

List of Clergymen in the Diocese.

On or before the first day of the meeting of Convention, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the President of the Standing Committee, to give to the Secretary of the Convention a certified list of the names of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese and entitled to seats and votes in Convention.

CANON II.

Opening of Convention.

Every Convention shall be opened with the Public Common Prayer of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon by a Presbyter, appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver a Sermon or Charge.

CANON III.

Parochial Registers and Reports.

In every Congregation, the Church Wardens shall, at the expense of the Parish, provide a proper Book, in which the Minister, or if the Parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the names of all persons Baptized, Married, and Buried, together with a list of persons Confirmed, and of those who are Communicants of the Church, with the date of every event recorded, which shall be under the signature of the person recording. From this Register, there shall, annually, be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of Convention, a full and accurate statement of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and of persons Confirmed, and admitted to the Holy Communion.

CANON IV.

Persons repelled the Holy Communion.

When a person who has been repelled the Holy Communion appeals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him, the Bishop may, and if the person demands, it shall be his duty to, appoint three Presbyters who shall make inquiries into the truth of the charges alleged, and shall make a report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop.

CANON V.

Diocesan Missions.

The Diocesan Missionary operations of this Church, shall be con

sources from whence the offerings came, and the persons or objects to which they were applied. It is left discretionary with the Minister to withhold names where prudence or a regard for the feelings of individuals renders it expedient.

ARTICLE IV.

Wardens.

§1. It is recommended that the Wardens, as advisers to the Minister be Communicants of the Church.

§2. The Senior Warden, or in case of his inability to act, then the Junior Warden shall have the care of the "Record Book" of the Parish, and shall cause to be copied therein all Documents bearing upon the history of the Parish.

§3. The Wardens shall have a care that the Church Building be kept from all secular, or other uses not authorized by Article II. of this Constitution; that it be kept in good repair as becometh the House of God.

§4. In case there be no Rector, or of absence or inability to act on his part, the Wardens according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry and of the Congregation. In case both the Rector and Wardens be absent, a Vestryman shall be chosen to preside.

§5. In case there be any Clergyman of the Church residing within this Parish who shall conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the Rules of the Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Wardens shall in writing give notice thereof to the Bishop of the Diocese or to the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop.

§6. In the absence of the Wardens, their several duties shall devolve upon the Vestrymen.

ARTICLE V.

Annual Elections.

The Congregation of this Parish shall meet Annually on Monday of Easter week, and elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three, nor more than eight Vestrymen, who shall continue to discharge the functions of their office during one year, or until their successors are elected in accordance with the provisions of the act of the Legislature on the subject.

ARTICLE VI.

Vestrymen.

§1. The Vestrymen, together with the Wardens, shall transact all the temporal business of the Parish: shall collect and disburse all money due for Church purposes, and shall at the end of every civil year—if the Treasury be deficient—collect as far as practicable, by subscriptions or otherwise, a sum sufficient to liquidate all the current expenses of the Church.

§2. The Vestry shall on or before Easter Monday cause to be written and placed in the hands of the Minister, but if there be no Minister, then the Senior Warden—a full, accurate, and faithful statement of the temporal condition of the Parish as a body corporate: and at the meeting of the Congregation on Easter Monday, the Minister or Senior Warden shall before balloting for Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the Congregation, and after deliver it to the new Vestry to be by them examined and entered in the Record Book of the

APPENDIX C.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE PARISHES OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 25, 1847.

ARTICLE I.

Acceding to the General and Diocesan Constitution, Canons, &c.

This Parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Wisconsin, expressly accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Uses of Church Buildings.

The Church Building or House of Worship belonging to this Parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes either authorized or approved of by the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

ARTICLE III.

Rector and Minister.

§1. The Rector is, ex-officio, President of the Vestry and of the Congregation, and has the casting vote, in case of a tie, on all questions brought before it.

§2. The Minister has the spiritual oversight of this Parish, and the Church Building shall be open to him for Public, Common Prayer, Catechetical or other religious instruction, for Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals and all other Rites and Ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, at such times as he may deem proper.

§3. It shall be the duty of the Minister to enter in the "Church Register" all Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, and Confirmations occurring within his cure; to keep an accurate list of the Communicants, and also a register of the Families and Individuals belonging to the Parish.

§4. The Minister of this Parish shall, at the end of every civil year, present to the Wardens a full, faithful, and accurate written account of all Offerings received and disbursed by him in his official capacity as almoner of the Church, which account the Wardens shall present to the Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the "Record Book" of the Church, and the original shall be placed upon file among the Parish Documents. This annual account shall distinctly state the

APPENDIX D.

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AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND OTHER RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES IN THE TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin :

SECTION 1. That it shall be lawful for the male persons of full age of any church or congregation in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Territory of Wisconsin, who shall have belonged to such church or congregation for the last twelve months, and who shall have been baptized in the Protestant Episcopal Church, or shall have been received therein, either by the right of confirmation, or by purchasing or hiring a pew or seat in such church, or by some joint act of the parties and of the Rector, whereby they shall have attached themselves to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and not already incorporated, at any time to meet for the purpose of incorporating themselves under this act, and by a majority of ballots to elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three nor more than eight Vestrymen, and to determine on what day of the week called Easter Week the said offices of Church Wardens and Vestrymen shall annually thereafter cease, and their successors in office be elected; of which election, notice shall be given in the time of morning service on two Sundays previous thereto, by the Rector, or if there be no Rector, then by any person belonging to such church or congregation; and that the said Rector, or if there be no Rector, or he be absent, then one of the Church Wardens or Vestrymen, or any other person, called to the chair, shall preside at such first election, and together with two other persons, shall make a certificate, under their hands and seals, of the election of the Church Wardens and Vestrymen, and of the day in Easter week fixed upon for the annual election of their successors, and of the name or title by which such Church or congregation shall be known in law; which certificate shall be witnessed by two witnesses, and may be acknowledged before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds, in the same manner as deeds shall by law be acknowledged at the time of taking such acknowledgment, and recorded by the County Register of the county wherein such Church or congregation, or place of worship thereof, shall be situated, in a book to be by such register provided for that purpose; and that such Church Wardens and Vestrymen, so elected, and their successors in office, of themselves, but if there be a Rector over such Church, then they, together with such Rector of such Church or congregation, shall form a Vestry and be trustees of such Church or congregation; and such trustees and their successors shall thereupon, by virtue of this act, be a body corporate by the name or title expressed in such certificate; and the persons qualified as aforesaid shall in every year thereafter, on the day in Easter week so fixed upon for that purpose, elect such Church Wardens and Vestrymen, and whenever any vacancy or vacancies shall happen before such annual election, by death or otherwise, the said trustees shall appoint a time for holding an election to supply such vacancy or vacancies; of which election, notice shall be given in time of divine

service, at least ten days previous thereto; that all elections shall be held immediately after the hour of morning service; and the Rector of such Church or congregation, so incorporated or formed, or in his absence, one of the Wardens or Vestrymen of such Church, shall preside, and receive the votes of the electors, and be the returning officer, and decide all questions of the right to vote; and the proceedings of every such election shall be entered in a book of the Minutes of the Vestry, and be signed by such presiding officer, and by as many of the electors present as such presiding officer may deem proper; and in case there should be, from any cause, no election at such annual election, then the officers of such Church or congregation shall hold over until the next annual election, or till a special election shall be called by such Vestry, or Church, or congregation, which may be done by notice to be given as in case of election to fill vacancies. Such Wardens and Vestrymen, so chosen at any election, shall hold their offices until the expiration of the year for which they shall be chosen, and until others shall be chosen in their stead; and shall have power to call and induct a Rector over such Church or congregation as often as there shall be a vacancy therein: *Provided, however*, that no meeting of such Wardens and Vestrymen shall be held unless a notice thereof shall be given in writing, at least three days previous thereto, under the hand of the Rector, or one of the Church Wardens; and that no such board shall be competent, unless the Rector, or one of the Wardens, and a majority of the Vestrymen be present, to transact business. At all meetings of the vestry of any such Church or congregation, the Rector, if present, if not, one of the Wardens, if present, and in case both Wardens are present, the Senior Warden shall preside, and have the casting vote in case of a tie.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any Church or congregation, incorporated as aforesaid, shall have power to purchase and hold, or lease any real estate for the site of a Church or house of public worship, and suitable yards, or grounds for the same, and for a Parsonage and a School House, and to erect all such buildings thereon proper and suitable for such Church, or house of worship, and parsonage and school house, and to purchase, take by gift, or devise, or otherwise, any real estate or other property, and to sell and dispose of, or lease the same. But in no case shall any such Church or congregation, hold any real estate within this territory, the annual income of which shall exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, excepting the site of the Church, Parsonage, and School House. That they shall have the power to sell or rent, or otherwise dispose of all alips, pews and seats in any such Church, and to rent or sell, or otherwise dispose of all the real estate of such Church or congregation, and to employ and contract for the services of a Minister or Clergyman, and to sue for and collect all subscriptions, rents, demands and dues, of such Church, or congregation, and to manage all the fiscal concerns of the same in the name of such Church.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for the male persons of full age belonging to any other church, congregation or religious society, now or hereafter to be established in this territory, and not already incorporated, to assemble at the church, meeting house, or other place where they stately attend for divine worship, and by a plurality of votes to elect any number of discreet persons of their church, congregation or society, not less than three, or more than nine in number, as trustees to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto, and to trans-

act all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof; and that at such elections every male person of full age, who has statedly worshipped with said Church, congregation or society, and has been formerly considered as belonging thereto, shall be entitled to vote, and the said election shall be conducted as follows: The minister of said Church, congregation, or society, or in case of his death, or absence, one of the elders or deacons, Church Wardens or Vestrymen thereof, and for want of such officers, any other person, being a member, or a stated hearer in said Church, congregation, or society, shall publicly notify the congregation, of the time when, and the place where the said election shall be held, at least fifteen days before the day of election; that the said notification shall be given, for two successive sabbaths, or days on which said Church, congregation, or society, shall statedly meet for public worship, preceding the day of election, that on the said day of election, two of the Elders or Church Wardens, and if there be no such officers, then two of the members of said Church, congregation, or society, to be nominated by a majority of the members present, shall preside at such election, receive the votes of electors, be the judges of the qualifications of such electors, and the officers to return the names of the persons, who, by a plurality of votes shall be elected to serve as trustees for said Church, congregation or society; and the said returning officers, shall immediately thereafter certify, under their hands and seals, the names of the persons elected to serve as trustees for said Church, congregation, or society, in which certificate the name or title by which the said trustees and their successors shall forever thereafter be called and known, shall be particularly mentioned and described, which said certificate, being proved or acknowledged, as above directed, shall be recorded as aforesaid; and such trustees and their successors shall also thereupon, by virtue of this act, be a body corporate and politic, by the name or title expressed in such certificate, and shall have all the powers, immunities, and privileges conferred upon Churches by the second section of this act, and shall be subject to all the restrictions and provisions contained in said section, and the register of deeds of every county for recording every certificate of incorporation by virtue of this act, shall be entitled to a fee of seventy-five cents, and no more.

SEC. 4. That every Church, congregation, or society incorporated under the provisions of the third section of this act, shall have power to enact bye-laws for its government and prescribe the term of office of its trustees and other officers.

SEC. 5. Every Church, congregation, or society incorporated under the provisions of the third section of this act, shall keep a full and complete record of all ordinances, bye-laws, rules, meetings and proceedings thereof; and of the names of all persons who shall be elected officers thereof, and of all monies received, paid out or expended by them, or any of them, in and about the affairs thereof: which record shall be always open to the inspection of its members, and shall be admitted in all courts as evidence of the matters therein stated.

APPROVED, February 8, 1847.

APPENDIX E.

REPORTS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONARIES.

APPENDIX E—1.

Christ Church, Green Bay.—The Rev. William Hommann, Rector.

This Parish was organized, September 1829.

Baptisms since the formation of the Parish, 12 Adults; 113 Infants;
Total, 125.

Confirmations, 35.

Number of Communicants at first recorded, 9 Males, 24 Females,
Total, 33.

Number at this time, 7 Males, 27 Females. Total, 34.

Number lost by death 4; by removal 29; Total, 33.

Number of burials, from the first, 42.

Number of Marriages, 29.

Number of Families, on the first Record, 23.

Number at this time, 30.

Individuals now connected with the Parish, 120.

Of the number of individuals in the Parish, at its organization, there is no record.

There is a good Church Edifice, Organ and Bell.

The Sunday School numbers 7 Teachers, and 45 Scholars.

There is a good Sunday School Library containing 120 volumes.

There is as yet no Parish Library.

The Contributions of the Parish since its formation have been (exclusive of the building of the Church and the Rector's salary) about \$500. The objects to which they have been applied are, the Poor, Parochial expenses, Domestic Missions, Episcopal Fund, sufferers in Ireland, and the Nashotah Mission.

APPENDIX E—2.

St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.—The Rev B. Akerly, Rector.

MILWAUKEE, June 23, 1847.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper D. D.

Rt. Rev. Father:—The present Rector of this Parish entered upon its duties, January 25, 1845. Till very lately, St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, included, as its parochial bounds, the corporate limits of the city of Milwaukee.

January 7, 1847, that section of the city, lying west of the Milwaukee, and north of the Menominee River, was set apart and organized as a separate Parish, under the style of "Trinity Church Parish." The Vestry of Trinity Church have since called, and obtained the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Deacon, as the Minister of the Parish.

June 7, 1847, that section of the city of Milwaukee, lying south of the Milwaukee and Menominee Rivers, was set apart and organized as a separate Parish under the style of "St. John's Church Parish." The

Vestry of St. John's Church, have since called, and obtained the Rev. David Keene, Deacon, as the Minister of the Parish.

During the winter of 1845, the Vestry of St. Paul's Church completed the erection of a Church Edifice, 40 by 70 feet, having a Vestry Room attached 13 by 26 feet. This edifice, with the lot on which it stands, an organ, and the furniture of the Church, cost, about \$5,600, all of which expense was defrayed by the Parish.

The following statistical report of St. Paul's Church, dates back to January 25, 1845, and comes down to June 23, 1847.

Deaths and Burials, - - - - -	67
Marriages, - - - - -	17
Infant Baptisms, - - - - -	92
Adult Baptisms, - - - - -	16
Confirmations, - - - - -	20
Communicants, present No. - - - - -	98
Families, - - - - -	83
Individuals in families, - - - - -	351
Other individuals, - - - - -	30
Total Individuals, - - - - -	381
Offerings for Charity, - - - - -	\$358.02

These offerings have been appropriated as follows:—Territorial Missionary Society, \$69.60. Episcopal Fund, \$44.47. Nashotah Mission, \$23.83. Irish Relief Fund as additional to what had been given individually by members of the Parish, \$9.30. Poor in the city of Milwaukee, \$147.20.

Sunday School Teachers, - - - - -	8
Sunday School Scholars, - - - - -	80

Their is neither "Register" nor "Record" to show what ministerial acts were performed in this Parish previous to January 25, 1845; nor is it known when the Parish was organized.—As near as can be ascertained, it was in April, 1838.

Your son in Christ,
BENJAMIN AKERLY, Rector.

APPENDIX E—3.

Hobart Church, Oneida Indians.—The Rev. S. Davis, Rector.
The Rev. F. R. Haff, Assistant Minister.

The Missionary entered upon his duties among the Oneidas, at Duck Creek, in this Territory, in the month of May 1836. He found them worshipping in a house which they had erected for the purpose, built of logs. The Rev. Richard F. Cadle had been their Pastor the year previous; but at the time of my arrival, one of the Indians who had been chosen by the Tribe for this purpose, regularly performed service on the Lord's day, as Lay Reader. Within three years from the commencement of my labors, a neat Gothic Church was erected—also a convenient Parsonage and School House—cost of building \$3,800. This Church was completed entirely at the cost of the Oneidas, and it is worthy of remark, that it is the first Protestant Episcopal Church erected in this Territory. It was consecrated by the name of "Hobart Church," Duck Creek, on the second of September, 1839. A Parish had been organized, by the same name, about a year previous. The number of Baptisms are 320—8 of these being adults. Marriages 87. Confirmations 128. Burials 109. Communicants, added, 118; present

number 169. No Contributions have been made out of the Parish, except, last year to our Territorial Missionary Society the sum of \$30.25. They have cheerfully done what they could, to support the Gospel among themselves. The Tribe number about 800 souls. They have a school in connexion with the Mission where from 30 to 40 children are instructed by a native teacher. The Rev. Franklin R. Haß, a graduate of Nashotah, is now the Assistant Minister of this Parish, having entered upon his duties as such on the 1st of March last. A bell, weighing 600lbs, is a donation from one of the chiefs. The Tribe are advancing in civilization, and unwavering in their attachment to the Church.

SOLOMAN DAVIS, MISSIONARY AND RECTOR,
of Hobart Church, Duck Creek.

JUNE 24, 1847.

APPENDIX E—4.

St. Matthew's Church, Southport. The Rev. F. W. Hatch, Rector.

This Parish from its earliest organization has been a Missionary station, and encouraged and sustained by the Board of Missions until October, 1846. This labor of love, it will be seen has not been in vain. A bright point has been struck here amid much darkness, and which promises to endure. The struggle has been severe, the "Powers of the Air" in opposition, but the victory seems to be assured. A pure faith and sacred worship have found place and permanency, and the same God who has ordained will defend the right. In view of the past it may be said, that we no longer struggle for existence but already live, and we doubt not God will keep that which has been committed to Him in faith and prayer. The following sketch by J. R. Phelps, of the early and continued History of this Church is faithfully drawn and may serve as encouragement to others as well as interesting to the future.

St. Matthews' Church, Southport, Racine County.—The Rev. F. W. Hatch, Rector.

"Episcopal service was first held in Southport in the fall of 1839, by the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull, of Milwaukee. Mr. Hull also held occasional services here until April 1840, when a Parish was formed and about 20 Individuals signed the article of organization. There were at that time 7 Communicants, and about the same number of families.

"In June of the same year, the Rev. William Allanson took charge of this station in connection with that of Racine. During the summer and fall, a Church building with Tower and Vestry-room was put up, enclosed and plastered. In October 1842, St. Matthew's Church was consecrated "to the honour of" the "Eternal God," by the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., although not completed.

"The Rev. William Allanson, removed from this Parish in April 1843, and was succeeded in May following by the Rev. Frederick W. Hatch. In November of this year, a fine toned Bell was purchased by the parish, of Mr. Holbrook, of East Medway, Massachusetts, weighing 397 lbs, at the cost (including transportation and hanging,) of \$123.50. About \$200, was expended the same fall in the further improvement of the Church.

"In March 1845 an excellent toned Organ was purchased by the Vestry and placed in the Gallery, manufactured by Messrs. Barnard and Simmons, of this place, at an expense of \$400.

"In the spring of 1846, the Church was enlarged by adding a wing to each side by which the number of slips was increased from 30 to 52, and the number of sittings nearly doubled. It is now 41 feet wide and 48 feet long, with Vestry-room in the rear 12 feet square. Its entire cost has been about \$2000, of which amount between six and seven hundred dollars was contributed at its first erection by Churchmen in the Dioceses of New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. The remainder has been paid by the Parish, which is free from debt.

"The salary of the Clergyman of this Parish has always been \$600, one half by the Board of Missions, the other by the parish. On the first of October 1846, the Missionary stipend ceased, and the parish became self-supporting. The following Table shews very nearly the amount given for Church purposes within the last four years.

Year ending Easter, 1844.		Year ending Easter 1845.	
Salary,	\$300 00	Salary,	\$300 00
Nashotah,	30 00	Bell,	123 50
Completion of Church,	200 00	Organ, (first Payment)	200 00
Other Church purposes,	75 00	Other Church Purposes,	80 00
Total.	\$605.00	Total.	\$703.50

Year ending Easter 1846.		Year ending Easter 1847.	
Salary,	\$300 00	Enlargement of Church,	\$475 00
Organ (and Interest,)	211 63	Society for Promotion of Christianity in Wisconsin Ter'y.,	38 04
Towards erection of a Church at Milton, Miss.,	45 00	For support of a Candidate for the Diaconate at Nashotah,	10 00
Other Church Purposes,	97 00		
Total.	\$653 63	Total.	\$523.04

Toward Support of a Candidate for the Diaconate at Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va.,	25 00
Salary and other Church Purposes,	447 00
Total.	\$995 04

"The Sunday School of this Parish has always been small. It now numbers, enrolled, 40 scholars—average attendance about 28. Their offerings for the last two years for Domestic Missions \$2,47. Foreign \$1,90. Total \$4,37.

"There are taken in this parish, 1 copy of the "Witness," 1 of the "Calender," 1 of the "Protestant Churchman," 2 of the "Gospel Messenger," 2 of the "Episcopal Recorder," 2 of the "Banner of the Cross," 1 of the "Evergreen," 2 of the "Spirit of Missions," and 13 of the "Children's Magazine."

"This Church was presented in the summer of 1846 with an appropriate Font, and the Sunday School with a valuable Library, by the Sunday School Scholars of Christ Church, Philadelphia, through the hands of their good Rector, Benjamin Dorr, D. D."

Thus far has God blessed and prospered this portion of His people.

Turning now to the Spiritual household and inner Temple, the Record of the Parish offers the following results. In 1840, 5 Marriages, 3 Funerals, 21 Communicants 10, Baptisms, Families 19, Confirmed 9. In 1841 Confirmed 5, and in 1842, 4 were Confirmed, 23 Communicants, Families 26. In this year October 1st St. Matthew's Church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., to the worship of God, and the faith of the Gospel. In 1843, Communicants 21, May 27, 1843, the present Minister entered on the duties of the Station under an appointment from the Missionary Board. At the first celebration of the Lord's Supper there were present 16 communicants, since which, up to this time, there have been added by removal and otherwise many, and the number of communicants at present exceeds 90.

The average attendance on the services of the Sunday is believed to be from 150 to 200 persons. The spiritual state of the body appears to be sound and improving. There is in the mass a precious leaven. May God give it force. During my Mission and Ministry in St. Matthew's there have been, 36 Baptisms, 18 Marriages, 30 Funerals, 19 Confirmations, and about 12 are now waiting for Confirmation.

There are many trials attending the exercise of the Ministry in this new country, peculiar and severe. But faith and patience must prevail at last and souls be saved, and God be glorified. Our pure worship—Christ our corner-stone, must ultimately, and in God's own good time, draw all men into it.

F. W. HATCH, St. Matthew's.

APPENDIX E.—5.

St. Paul's Church, Beloit, Rock County.—S. C. Millett, Rector.

This parish was organized February 26, 1841. At this time there were but three communicants.

Baptisms—adults, 7; infants, 16; Total 23. Confirmed, 12.

Communicants in 1841, 3. Now, 25. Females, 16. Males, 9.—Died, 1. Removed, 12.

Deaths in the parish since the organization, 2; Marriages, 11; Families, 19; Individuals, 30; Sunday School, 1; Pupils, 15; Teachers, 3.

June 24, 1847.

S. C. MILLETT, Minister.

APPENDIX E.—6.

St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn. Trinity Church, Johnstown. Christ Church, Delavan.—The Rev. Geo. R. Bartlett, Minister.

*To the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, D. D. :—*Sir,—On the 14th of March, 1847, I commenced my labors as missionary at Delavan and Elk Horn. From that time to the present I have preached at Delavan thirteen times; at Elk Horn, ten times; at Sugar Creek Prairie, once; at Johnstown four times. At the two first mentioned places there had been no regular services for more than a year before I commenced. At Elk Horn, which was formerly one of the strongest points of the Church in Walworth county, there are now but a few communicants

and attendants on the services. Formerly there was a Parish there, called St. John's in the Wilderness, but it has become extinct. I officiated there every Sunday evening until the first Sunday in May.— Since then I have officiated every second and fourth Sunday in the month. At Delavan the prospect is more encouraging. I have officiated there every Sunday morning with two exceptions. The Parish of Christ Church have, since I have been there, completed the interior of the Church-edifice—which was done by subscription—and have painted it. They are at present united, and are exerting themselves to have the services of the Church regularly established there. But as their numbers are small, they find themselves unable, without aid, to do so. At Johnstown, Rock county, I officiated on the 17th of March last. This was the first time the services of the Church had been held there. Since then a Parish has been organized, called Trinity Church; and they have made arrangements to have service once in four weeks. I am unable at present to state the number of communicants, or attendants at any of the places above named, except Johnstown. In that Parish there are five communicants and a good number of attendants on the service of the Church.

GEORGE R. BARTLETT.

APPENDIX E.—7.

St. Alban's Church, Lisbon. The Rev. W. C. Armstrong, Minister.

1. Organization of this Parish. Refer to the Report of the Rev. James Lloyd Breck.
2. Baptisms since the organization of the Parish. Adults, 4; Infants, 44; Total 48.
3. Confirmations, 3; Number confirmed, 17.
4. At the organization of the Parish, there were 9 communicants; added, 37; Died, 2; Removed, 3; Present number, 41.
5. Number of Burials since organization, 15.
6. " " Marriages " " 8.
7. " " Families when organized, 5. Present number, 34.
8. Whole number of baptized persons in the Parish, 160.
9. The Church edifice, a plain frame building, has been erected by the members of the parish without any foreign aid, or assistance from abroad. It is not entirely finished. No Parsonage or Parish School House. No incumbrance of debt upon the Church.
10. Sunday School. Pupils—Male, 24; Female, 11; Total, 35. Teachers—1 Male, 4 Females. Total 5.
11. Contributions. About \$100 in money and produce have been contributed to the Nashotah Mission. Domestic missions, 88 cts. The Advancement Society, \$25.51. Episcopal Fund, \$5.33. Irish Relief Fund, \$8.58. Total, \$140.30.
12. Parish Library, 43 vols: Sunday School Library, 100 vols.
13. Sole attention of the person in charge is given to this parish.

WM. C. ARMSTRONG, Deacon.

APPENDIX E.—8.

St. Luke's Church, Racine. The Rev. S. Marks. Rector.

I rarely in my life, have had to offer indisposition, as an apology for

being behind the time, in any of my duties, but this Western climate, has made it necessary this spring.

I arrived here, in May 1846, and was present at the consecration of the church. The good Bishop named me to your Board, and I was appointed its Minister. In a quiet and peaceable way, I have been laboring for a year.

God be thanked, that my labor has not been in vain. The church is 44 by 60, and in what is termed the Gothic style. It is situated on the bank of Lake Michigan, on lots presented by J. Barker, Esq. of Buffalo, beautiful for location.

The Register which was handed to me, is entitled "Records, and Register of St. Luke's Church, Racine, W. T. 1842."

Baptisms, 23, Adults and Children; Confirmations, 10; Communicants, 21; Families, 22; Marriages, 7; Funerals, 5.

Great changes, however, had passed over this state of the Record, when it came into my hands. Several had died, and many had changed their residence. Upon calling the flock together, fourteen were added by profession, and five by letter, since which, four have been added, making the present number, 37. Two since removed, leaving 35. The marriages performed by me, have been two. Baptized, Adults, 3, Infants 5; Funerals, 7. The Sunday School is small,—Library limited. I continue to catechize the children, and find it to be a work agreeable to them, and profitable to myself. I have heartfelt pleasure in being able to say, that I am among a people who appreciate the practices and doctrines of our beloved Church. Never, since I entered the ministry—and that was in 1824—have I been among a people more anxious to be acquainted with the order, doctrine and discipline of the Church, than the people of St. Luke's.

The number is small, but spirited. Since I have been here lamps have been procured for the pulpit, and for the sides of the church; also, a fine toned Organ of eight Stops, which you may well know greatly assists me in the performance of Divine Worship. In fine, without boasting, for decorous behavior, good responses, and attention to the word preached, we are not excelled in the West. A word more: in February I was requested by the Bishop to meet him at Nashotah, to witness the examination, and ordination of six of its pupils. Your Eastern students could do no better. My spirit magnified the Lord at the thought of the good that would emanate from this Institution. The Rev. Mr. Breck, its principal, is worthy of all praise for his patient and meek endurance from the beginning. I dare risk my reputation (and there is nothing I have so dear,) by saying, that in my opinion, this school is destined to be second to none in the West. Will the people of the East think of us for the *Lord's sake*. We go out here for the Prayer Book, and Homilies, just as they are.

APPENDIX E.—9.

Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake, St. Olof's Church, Ashpen.—The Rev. G. Unonius, Rector.

Annual Report from the united parishes, the *Scandinavian, Pine Lake* and *St. Olof's* at *Ashipun River*, and other stations in connexion with the Scandinavian Mission in Wisconsin.

Since the 1st of April, 1846.
 Infant Baptisms, 35.
 Confirmations, 8.
 Communicants at last Annual Report, 173.
 Added new by Confirmation, 8.
 By Immigration, 43.
 Lost by Death, 8.
 By Removal, 6.
 Present Number, 210.
 Sunday School Superintendent, 1.
 Scholars, 26.
 Officiated in Services, 107.
 Sermons in the Parishes, 61.
 Elsewhere, 48.
 Holy Communion Administered in Public, 34.
 To Sick, 4.
 Marriages Celebrated, 9.
 Burials, 13.
 Population, 337.
 Numbers of Families, 76.
 Individuals, 28.

In addition to this Annual Report and in conformity with the circular-letter of the Right Rev. Bishop of the North West I do respectfully present to him and the Primary Convention of Wisconsin, the following statement in respect to the parishes and other stations, where I have officiated.

In the year 1841 and 1842 the first Swedes and Norwegians, then being but a few families, settled near Pine Lake, Waukesha county. Already from the very first commencement their little number was in their religious concerns attended to by the Missionaries of Nashotah. When the Holy Communion for the first time was administered in the Settlement, there were 16 Communicants. In the year 1843 the population increased by emigrants from Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, and then it was resolved upon by the Settlers, that they should form a Parish in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church. For this purpose at the commencement of the following year a petition was drawn up, signed of the plurality, and presented to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper, in which petition the Scandinavian Settlers expressed their wish, to be received into communion with the Church in America, and organised into a parish, it was also requested that their present Pastor, at that time a Member of their Congregation, should be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders, and after being duly examined and ordained, be instituted as their Minister. Accordingly on the 3d day of March A. D. 1844, on which day the Rt. Rev. Bishop for the first time administered the holy rite of Confirmation in the Settlement, the Scandinavian parish at Pine Lake was organized, the Rectorship of which became entrusted to Rev. J. Lloyd Breck, of Nashotah, until the present Rector of the parish could be ordained. On the same occasion a burial ground was consecrated by the Bishop. At that time the parish consisted of about 30 families and numbered 70 Communicants. In the mean time the undersigned was admitted a candidate at Nashotah Institution,* and as such, officiated as a lay reader for his countrymen among which he also as an interpreter assisted the Rector in charge of the parish.

In the latter part of the year 1844 several other emigrants increased

the population of the Settlement, which became divided, inasmuch as a part as well of the old as of the new settlers fixed upon as a place for their habitation a location at Ashipun River, Dodge county, 7 to 8 miles off from the first Settlement, at Pine Lake. These settlers, then numbering about 20 families, also united themselves into a parish in communion with the Church, which parish under the name of St. Olof's was organized the 8th day of December, A. D. 1844, by Rev. J. Lloyd Breck. A burial ground was likewise for this parish consecrated by the Bishop the 20th day of March 1845. In the same year, the 14th day of May, these two united parishes were entrusted into the charge of the present Rector, then ordained Deacon. From this time the present parish record bears its date; but from what I have ascertained by the record of Rev. J. L. Breck, there had been until the last date above mentioned 6 Infant baptisms and 1 adult baptism performed in the parishes; 14 persons had been confirmed; 4 marriages celebrated, and 8 burials. At the time when I received the charge of the parishes they consisted, according to my first Missionary report, of 52 families, being altogether 225 Members, among which there were 156 Communicants. The present state of the parishes is as follows.

The Scandinavian Parish at Pine Lake has a population of 155;—families 32;—individuals 13.—Since my ordination there have been performed 24 Infant Baptisms; 1 Confirmation; 11 Marriages; 17 Burials. Communicants lost by death, 12; by removal 21; by discipline 2; their present number being 93.

St. Olof's Parish at Ashipun River has a population of 126; number of families 30;—individuals 11. Since the parish was given in my charge, there have been 11 Infant Baptisms; 4 Confirmations; 5 Marriages; 5 Burials. Communicants lost by death 4; by removal 1; their present number being 84. In neither of these parishes is yet a Church edifice erected, although at both places buildings were commenced for that purpose more than a year ago. How soon they will be finished I am not able to tell.

Mr. M. Seurenson, a candidate for Holy Orders, at Nashotah, has for nearly a year conducted a Sunday School at Pine Lake, where the attendance of children generally has been good. At St. Olof's parish on those Holydays, upon which I have had service, I have myself catechised the children. The people being poor and new settlers have not been able to make any contributions of money for any purpose, except a few dollars for the Missionary Society in Wisconsin, and for the collection of Episcopal Fund. With regard to the Pastor nothing has yet been contributed for his support by the people; nevertheless according to an agreement made between him and the parishes, the next fall they have consented to give him some produce of their lands. Until this time he has been supported for the first nine months after his ordination by the Missionary Society, and afterwards by private contributions of the Members of Gloria Dei Church in Philadelphia, who as Swedish descendants have taken a great interest in this Mission, and to whose kindness the gratitude of the Missionary is chiefly due for that he has been able to continue in the charge entrusted to him.

Besides these two parishes there are ten other stations, where I have officiated, not being able to visit some of them more than a few times a year. Those whereat some of the people have joined the Church are:

Golden Lake, a Norwegian Settlement of merely 4 families, being altogether 20 persons, among which there are 10 Communicants. Baptisms performed on that place 5; Confirmations 2; Burial 1.

Kroskonong Creek, a Swedish Settlement of only 4 families, and 4 individuals, being altogether 13 persons, among which there are 8 Communicants; 1 person from that place has been confirmed; 1 marriage celebrated.

Ashipun River, a Settlement of Irish and American people near St. Olof's Parish, with which they probably after some time will unite themselves. It consists of but 4 families, being 12 persons, 9 Communicants. At this place I have officiated monthly since the beginning of this year, and administered one Baptism.

The 4th and 5th Stations consists merely of two families, one being in Jefferson, the other in Dodge county; being altogether 11 persons and 6 Communicants. The other stations being visited, although not any of the settlers thereon have joined the Church, are:

Sackville in Washington county, in neighborhood of which live about 25 Swedish and Norwegian families. 3 Infant Baptisms have there been administered, and 1 Marriage celebrated.

Rock River, a Norwegian Settlement of nearly 50 families. This station I have been led by several circumstances to give up, at least for some time.

Waterville, Waukesha county, in neighborhood of which three Norwegian families are living. Three children have there been Baptised.

Milwaukee City, where also some Swedish and Norwegian people are living, has also a few times a year been visited.

The two other stations, and those which I consider to be the most important of all are: *Muskegoe* a Norwegian Settlement in Waukesha and Racine counties, and another Settlement 7 to 8 miles distant from that place in Town of *Yorkville*, Racine county. These two Settlements have before been united in one parish of the Lutheran Society, with a Minister of that communion as their pastor. But since he left them for another place, they have now been for nearly a year without any ministerial assistance. Last February I received a letter from some individuals of the Settlement, by which I was requested to visit them in order to make some arrangement by which at least at some intervals regular public worship could be renewed amongst them. I obeyed their call, and found a Settlement of nearly 150 families, those in Town of *Yorkville* included. A plain although tolerable spacious log-building had been erected, where they before had assembled to worship. At first I met with some difficulty to have the use of this house of worship, which was consecrated by their old Pastor, and which some of them, belonging to the old, strong Lutheran-pietest party, would not allow to be used except by a Lutheran Minister. Again there are others having joined the Methodist and Presbyterian Societies, and on the place are also a few Mormons, which sect of late has made many converts among the Norwegians, especially among those in the State of Illinois. Upon the whole it exists at *Muskegoe*, as probably at other places, where the people for some time have been left without the Church, confusion and disorder; and also here and there a perfect coldness and indifference for all religious matters exists. On the other side again many are awakened to an anxious consideration of what should be done for the salvation of their souls, and are sensible of the necessity of some real and permanent Church establishment among themselves. I have hitherto, not been able to visit this Settlement more than five times, but have then generally spent some days among the people, and as well from the pulpit as in private conversation, pointed out to them the Apos-

tolic Church with its true Ministry and Sacraments as in every respect for them the only Ark of safety and refuge. What fruit can issue from a labor so lately commenced is of course now impossible to tell. We may pray and trust to God that it will prove to be for the good and for the glory of His Church. Notwithstanding the ignorance in respect to the Church, and the good many singular prejudices which are here prevailing against the same, this station represents itself now as a most interesting field of labor. I have there baptised 12 infants, and the congregation has always been good, from one to two hundred. There is a saying that several Ministers this year are to be expected from Norway for to attend to the Norwegian emigrants, of which there are such a number in this Territory. Owing to this circumstance our success will perhaps for some time be doubtful; but, confident that in reality our success must depend on something else but an accidental obstacle or progress, I will, by the grace of Providence, with faith in God and His Church, persevere in the way now pointed out for me to walk in. I have made regular appointments for visiting the station at Muskegoe once a month.

Now finally to sum up the report given as well in reference to the two parishes at Pine Lake and Ashipun River, as also in respect to the other ten stations in connexion with this Mission, there have since the commencement of the same been 64 infants and one adult received into the Church by Holy Baptism: 22 Confirmations; 22 Marriages; 31 Burials. The present population, numbers of families and individuals recorded as belonging to the Church, will be seen by the Annual report above, and also the present number of Communicants connected with the Mission.

At present I have within the parishes 7 candidates for Confirmation, and out of the parishes one, in the mean time living at Pine Lake in order to attend to the preceding catechetical instructions. The next fall I expect 2 or 3 candidates more from other stations, which will stay here for some time, that I may be able more frequently to attend to them and prepare them for the solemn renewal of their Baptismal Vows.

To this my report I beg leave farther to add, that on my travellings in different sections of the Territory in order as much as possible to meet the spiritual wants of my countrypeople, I have also very often met with and heard of many American, English, Irish and Welsh families and individuals, belonging to the Church, but in their desolated situation deprived of her Ministry and Sacraments. I have found them sometimes, like my own people, exposed to or already deceived by errors of all sorts of Sectarianism, and also giving away for a gradually arising indifference and neglectfulness in respect to their religious concerns, which all is a natural consequence of their present position. I may especially mention a Settlement of several Irish Church families, which have been reported to me to exist in Washington county, near what is called the Fond du Lac road. In reference to them and others, I respectfully submit to the Bishop and the Clergy of the Convention, that each Clergyman, at least a few times a year, within a certain district around his station, might visit and attend to those members of the Church, which very likely there may be found. By this an help in some measure could be given, which many instances have proved to me to be highly necessary.

Pine Lake, 1847, June 23d.

G. UNONIUS.

APPENDIX E.—10.

Trinity Church, Mineral Point.—The Rev. E. Williams, Rector.

Report of Trinity Church, Mineral Point. Rev. E. Williams, Rector,—June 18th, 1847. The Parish reorganized September, 1845.—No record kept previous to the above date. Since then there have been—Baptisms,

	27
Communicants—Males, 9 ; Females, 22. Total,	31
One Communicant deceased in May, 1846.	
Number of Burials since reorganization,	8
do Marriages do	6
do of Sunday Scholars enrolled,	94
do Teachers,	9
Books Distributed as Rewards,	86
Tracts do	600
A Sunday School but no Parish Library.	
Contributed by the S. S. Children for Missions in the Territory,	\$ 3 00
By the Congregation, for a Pall,	5 00
For the Relief of Ireland,	17 00

Total \$25 00

Services morning and afternoon at Mineral Point. Evening at Dodgeville.

A Church Edifice is in progress, 34 by 50 feet, with basement and tower. It is expected to be ready for consecration entirely free of debt, in a short time.

No Parsonage nor Parish School House, but hope soon to have the latter, so indispensable to the steady growth of our beloved Church.

Yours, respectfully,

S. PULFORD, Church Warden.

APPENDIX E.—11.

Grace Church, Madison.—The Rev. S. McHugh, Rector.

Report of Grace Church, Madison. Rev. Stephen McHugh, Rector. Parish organized, January, 1846.

Communicants at time of organization,	8
do Present time,	22
Families do do	18
Individuals in Families, 60. Other Individuals, 20,	80
Baptisms—Infant,	6
do Adult,	3
Confirmations,	5

The Church owns a Church lot, but has not as yet erected a building. STEPHEN McHUGH.

APPENDIX E.—12.

St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah, Nashotah Mission.—The Rev. J. L. Breck, Rector, The Rev. J. Johnstone, Missionary.

At the request of the Right Rev. Father in God Jackson Kemper,

D. D., Missionary Bishop of the North West, as members of the associated mission, established about the Nashotah Lakes, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin Territory, we do hereby submit to the Primary Convention of the Church in Wisconsin, assembled on St. John Baptist's Day, in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, a full statistical report of our labors.

The Rev. Messrs. John Henry Hobart, William Adams, and James Lloyd Breck, arrived in the Territory the summer of 1841, and immediately entered upon their labors at Prairieville; but after making this their head quarters for about ten months, with the consent of the Bishop, they removed to the Nashotah Lakes, which has continued to be the centre of this mission to the present time. Before organizing Parishes we spent much time in visiting the surrounding country, and all villages located within thirty miles of the central station, with the view of better understanding the condition and prospects of the Church in its several parts. We then discovered only *twenty* Church families throughout our mission; but since that time 167 more have been added to our charge, either by BAPTISM or removal from foreign parts. But by reason of the organization of Parishes, and these passing into the spiritual charge of Clergymen unconnected with this mission, only 88 at present remain under the care of the Nashotah Mission: since the establishment of the mission over 1000 persons baptized in the Church have been under our spiritual guidance, but of these only *four hundred* remain to us, the others having passed into the charge of other clergymen, along with Parishes to be noted below.

We have baptized 256 infants, and 49 adults: in all 305, since first entering upon this field of labor. The HOLY RITE of Confirmation has been administered to 107 persons.

In 1841 we found 25 Communicants: since then 104 persons have been admitted by us to the HOLY COMMUNION, and 204 have been received from the States or foreign parts. The present number in charge of this mission is 205—of these 48 are males and 157 females.—Six have been removed by death.

Thirty-one marriages have been solemnized, and fifty-one persons have been buried by us since entering upon this mission. Two Sunday Schools at present exist, taught by eight persons. About fifty children are under catechetical instructions. *Eight Parishes* have been organized within the original bounds of this mission. The *first* at Elk Horn, Walworth County, by name *St. John's in the Wilderness*, was organized shortly after our arrival in the Territory, and is now in the spiritual charge of the Rev. George R. Bartlett, to whose report we refer for particulars. The *second* at Lisbon, Waukesha County, by name *St. Albans'*—composed of English settlers—was organized on the 2d of October, 1842, the Bishop being present, and is now in the spiritual charge of the Rev. William C. Armstrong, to whose report we refer for particulars. The *third* at Pine Lake, Waukesha County, called the *Scandinavian Parish*, composed of Norwegians, Danes, and Swedes, was organized on the 3d of March, 1844, the Bishop being present, and is now in the spiritual charge of the Rev. Gustaf Unonius, to whose report we refer for particulars. The *fourth* at Prairieville, Waukesha County, by name *St. Matthias*, was organized on St. Matthew's Day, being the 24th of February, 1844, and is now in the spiritual charge of the Rev. S. K. Miller, to whose report we refer for particulars. The *fifth* at Ashipun river, Dodge county, by name *St. Olof's*, composed of Norwegians, was organized on the 8th of December, 1844,

and is now in the spiritual charge of the *Rev. Gustaf Unonius*, to whose report we refer for particulars. The *sixth* at Nashotah Lakes, Waukesha County, by name *St. Sylvanus*, was organized on Shrove-Tuesday, the 24th of February, 1846, and is now in the spiritual charge of *Rev. James Lloyd Breck*, the particulars of which will be referred to below in the present report. The *seventh* at Oconomewoc, Waukesha County, by name Zion Church, was organized in August, 1846, and is in the spiritual charge of the *Rev. William Adams*, to whose report we refer for particulars. The *eighth* at North Prairie, Waukesha County, by name *St. George's Parish*, composed of English settlers, was organized the 22d of November, 1846, and is in the spiritual charge of this mission. Besides these Parishes, the following stations are under the charge of the *Rev. John Johnstone, M. D.*, namely: *Waterville*, and *Ottowah*, at which he officiates on each alternate Sunday; also ———, and *Ashipun*, whereat he officiates on the other alternate Sundays. Besides these stations he also officiates at other points *monthly* during the week.—The *Rev. John Johnstone* entered upon these duties immediately after his ordination to the Diaconate on Ember Sunday of Lent, 1847; and has continued in the same uninterruptedly to the present time. He has preached thirty-three sermons, baptized seven infants, and buried one child. One offering—in amount \$6—for the Irish Relief Fund, has been made. The offerings of *St. Sylvanus' Parish* during the past year, have been as follows:—For the poor, \$3 35; for Church building, \$72 42; for Irish Relief Fund, \$10 32; for Episcopal Fund, \$78 68; and for the Missionary Society in this Territory, \$12 91;—amount in full \$177 68.

The *Rev. James Lloyd Breck* has celebrated the HOLY COMMUNION to the people on the mission sixty-eight times during the past year; also, the Bishop to the same, eight times: besides these the HOLY COMMUNION has been administered four times to the sick. The Sacrament of HOLY BAPTISM has been administered by the *Rev. Mr. Breck* to fifty-eight infants, and sixteen adults,—in all seventy-four persons: besides these, seven others not included in Zion Church, have been baptized by the *Rev. William Adams*,—making in all eighty-eight persons baptized during the past year within that portion of the Nashotah Mission still under our charge.

Seven persons were confirmed in *St. Albans' Parish Church*, while it yet remained under charge of this mission; and twenty-five in the Mission Chapel, occupied by *St. Sylvanus' Parish*. Twenty persons have been admitted to the HOLY COMMUNION. Three marriages have been solemnized: eight adults, and five children buried. *Rev. Mr. Breck* has preached eighty-four Sermons, delivered twenty-three Lectures, read five Homilies, besides catechising children in public. He has officiated in twenty-three public services, on occasions when he did not preach. He was instituted Rector of *St. Sylvanus' Parish*, by the Bishop on Thanksgiving-day,—5th of November, 1846;—but finding its duties impracticable with those already incumbent upon him, he resigned, with the Bishop's knowledge, on the 13th of April, 1847. He has been engaged in the duties of the mission uninterruptedly during the past year, except twice, when he left for the purpose of celebrating the Holy Communion in adjoining parishes. Two ordinations have been held within this mission during the past year, namely, at *Nashotah-Lakes*, in the Mission Chapel, on the 28th of February, when five Candidates for Holy Orders were admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons,

and Lisbon, in St. Albans' Church, the 7th of March, when *one* candidate was admitted.

This report is respectfully submitted this 24th of June, 1847, by
JAMES LLOYD BRECK and JOHN JOHNSTONE.

APPENDIX E.—13.

Christ Church, Fox Lake, St. Paul's Church, Watertown, St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.—The Rev. M. Hoyt, Itinerant Missionary.

Watertown, 18th June, 1847.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:—I herewith present you my report of services rendered since my appointment of itinerant.

I entered on the duties of my mission about the 1st of June, 1846. I have visited the counties of Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Washington, Fond du Lac, Dodge, Marquette, Columbia, Dane, Sauk, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Jefferson, Walworth, and Rock, travelling in the performance of missionary duty upwards of three thousand miles. I have officiated as follows:—At Watertown, forty-six times; at Fox Lake about twenty; at Manitowoc, four times; at Sheboygan, twice; at Milwaukee, four times; Nashotah and vicinity, five times; Prairieville, once; Waupun, once; Beaver Dam, four times; Madison, twice; Lake Mills, three times; Aztalan, three times; Fort Atkinson, four times; Whitewater, eight times; Prairie du Lac, once; Mouth of the Catfish, three times; Johnstown, twice; Delavan, once; Elk Horn, once. I have visited many other places, and called on all families connected with the Church, residing therein; but, from the difficulty of collecting together a congregation, did not officiate.

At Whitewater there are four families and about twelve individuals who may be considered friendly to the Church. At Fort Atkinson, two families; at Lake Mills, three; at Aztalan, two; at Columbus and vicinity, some ten or twelve. I would here take the liberty of soliciting your attention to this point. It is a thriving village; and at the time I visited it, had no settled minister of any denomination. At Beaver Dam are four families. At Fox Lake but two, three having removed during the year. At Watertown, it is impossible to say how many families may be relied upon for the Church; congregation about an average of a hundred. At Manitowoc there are a few families decidedly attached to our communion, and earnestly desiring to have a missionary amongst them. At the mouth of the Catfish, and at Johnstown, there is a favorable opening for the Church; and could a clergyman at once be sent amongst them, (especially at the first named place) a large congregation could soon be gathered.

My ministerial acts during the year, may be summed up as follows:
Distance travelled, about 3000 miles.

Times officiated, 111.

Parochial visits, about 200.

Baptisms, (infants) 6.

Marriages, 5.

Burials, 1.

Communion administered, 5.

Of the result of my labors, it is impossible for me to speak, nor would it be proper. I have endeavored to sow the good seed of the

Word, and have prayed for the blessing of the Most High upon it.—God only can give the increase.

The year past has been to me a year of trial and affliction. During the months of September, October, and November, myself and family suffered much from the fevers of the country; and this spring from Good Friday until the Sunday before Trinity, I have been prevented by sickness from the performance of any ministerial duties. During the year I have thus lost by sickness four months, during which time I have been unable to officiate. This must be my apology for not visiting the western tier of counties.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Yours truly,

M. HOYT.

APPENDIX E.—14.

Zion Church, Oconomewoc.—The Rev. W. Adams Rector.

Report of Zion Church, Oconomewoc.

There are six Church families connected with this Congregation, about twenty persons who are baptized Members of the Church, and of them say 8 Communicants. Within the past year the undersigned has performed missionary services here, preaching twice every Sunday, and visiting as much as he possibly could, his distance to walk having been about seven miles. He has Administered the Communion once upon Christmas-day, also baptized two infants, and at present has upon his list 8 children for Baptism. There has been a great deal of sickness here among the Members of the Church, and many other difficulties. Still at the same time the undersigned is of opinion that when population increases there must be here one of the most important Congregations in the Diocese.

WILLIAM ADAMS.

APPENDIX E.—15.

St. Croix County.—The Rev. E. Greenleaf, Missionary.

The undersigned arrived at Stillwater, in the county of St. Croix, about the 1st of June, 1846. The services of the Church had never been performed in any part of the county, and very few persons were found accustomed to the use of the Liturgy.

The public services held during the year are the following:

Read Prayers and preached at the mouth of Lake St. Croix, six times.

Red Roch, twice.

St. Paul's, four times.

Mareine Mills, eight times.

Pleasant Grove, once.

Falls St. Croix, twice.

Stillwater, about sixty times.

Also at Fort Snelling twice, in exchange with Rev. Mr. Gear, the resident chaplain, to whom I am greatly indebted for counsel and encouragement.

The Lord's Supper has been administered once at Red Roch to twelve persons: and three times at Stillwater to eight or ten persons.

Baptized, five children.

Buried, one person.

Married, one couple.

Admitted to the Holy Communion one person.

A Sunday School of about twenty children has been gathered, and by constant catechising, together with the unwearied and praiseworthy efforts of three teachers, much good is resulting in this department.

The above described services have been held in private houses, as there is no Church or Chapel within the limits of the county. Much time has also been spent in visiting from house to house in distributing tracts, and by personal conversation, endeavoring to awaken attention to religious subjects, and to an examination of the Doctrines and Liturgy of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

This field of labor is at present a discouraging one; but as the population is now nearly 2000, and rapidly increasing, there is at least a strong probability that a few years will present a more favorable state of things.

A gentleman at Stillwater has given a lot for a chapel, and many persons in the county have expressed a willingness to contribute towards its erection. Should we succeed in the attainment of this object, our prospects will be much more hopeful.

If the undersigned is permitted to resume his labors in this remote field, an attempt will soon be made to organize a Church and Parish.—That his labors may not be in vain, and that he may yet see this part of the wilderness blossom as the rose, is his hope and constant prayer.

E. A. GREENLEAF, Missionary at Lake St. Croix.

APPENDIX E—16.

Trinity Church, Milwaukee.—J. P. T. Ingraham, Minister.

Right Rev. Sir:—In accordance with your request that the Delegates to this Convention, should be ready to lay before it information concerning the Parishes which they represent: I hereby respectfully present the following report of the Parish of which I am in charge.

The Parish of Trinity Church, Milwaukee, was organized on the 7th of January by the Election of two Wardens and five Vestrymen; having the express permission of the Rector of St. Paul's Church Milwaukee, that this Parish, before a part of his cure, should be organized into a separate Parish, in accordance with Canon XXXI of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, passed in General Convention A. D. 1832.

This Parish formed itself into a Corporate body on Easter Monday, April, 5th 1847, in accordance with an Act passed by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin to provide for the incorporation of the Protestant Episcopal Church and other religious Societies in the Territory of Wisconsin.

The number of Baptisms since the organization of the Parish is infants or children, 8; adults 9; Confirmed, none. Number of Communicants at the Organisation of the Parish, Males 4; Females 11.—15. Number of Male Communicants now 6; Females 18—24. Number of

Barials since organizing 1; Number of Marriages, none; of Families at Organization, 22; now 34; difference 12; Individuals at organizing, 84; now 128; No Church Edifice, Parsonage or School House. The speedy erection of a small Church is contemplated. Number of Sunday School Scholars, 58; Teachers 9; Weekly collections for current Expenses since organizing, \$17.68. Communion Offerings (for Poor) \$5.65;—23.33. No Parish Library; No Stations out of the Parish.

Very Respectfully,

J. P. T. INGRAHAM,
Pastor of Trinity Church, Milwaukee.

APPENDIX E—17.

St. John's Church, Milwaukee.—The Rev. D. Keene, Minister.

This Parish was organized, June 7th, 1847. It was formerly a portion of St. Paul's, and, by permission of the Rector of said Parish, was set apart as a distinct and separate cure.

St. John's Parish is that portion of the city of Milwaukee, lying south of the Menominee and Milwaukee rivers.

In the month of April, 1847, a small Church building was commenced, and is now with the exception of plastering, finished.

The stile of Architecture—Rustic Gothic.

Dimensions 18 by 40, with a Chancel 10 by 12, in the rear. It will seat comfortably 175 persons and the seats are to be for ever free.

Probable cost of Building \$500.

Divine service has been regularly celebrated morning and afternoon, since the first Sunday after Ascension, with a Congregation averaging from 20 to 40.

On Trinity Sunday, a Sunday School was organized.

Number of scholars 10.

Number of Families, 20.

Number of Baptisms since organization of Parish, 3.

DAVID KEENE, Rector Elect.

MILWAUKEE, June 24th, 1847.

APPENDIX F.

J. ALBERT HELFENSTEIN, Treasurer, In account with the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Territory of Wisconsin, for the advancement of Christianity.

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1846. Jan. 26	To Cash paid for Printing of Address on subject of missions -	1845. Sept. 1	By Cash received from the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. -	1846. Jan. 6	St. Alban's Church, Lisbon	591
Mar 20	" Loan to a missionary	1075	" St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee	Jan. 6	Nashotah Mission	598
June 1	" John Ogden, for a horse	5000	" " "	Feb. 2	St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee	1000
"	" P. G. Jones, for a wagon	4500	" Trinity Church, Mineral Point	" 20	Trinity Church, Mineral Point	1100
"	" R. Wheeler, for a wagon	3500	" Miss Pulford, of Mineral Point	Mar. 2	Sunday-School of Trinity Ch., Mineral Point	1000
"	" " for cushion	1235	" Trinity Church, Mineral Point	" 23	St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee	1000
27	" The Rev. Wm. Hommann	200	" St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee	" 13	Scandinavian and St. Olof's, Pine Lake	1000
29	" The Rev. M. Hoyt	5000	" " "	May 3	St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee	500
Aug. 7	" Expenses on Prayer-Books to Galena	2000	" " "	" 9	Christ Church, Green Bay	300
Sept. 8	" The Rev. M. Hoyt	100	" " "	" "	St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah	655
Dec. 26	" " "	1750	" " "	" "	St. Alban's Church, Lisbon	300
1847.	" " "	3750	" " "	" "	St. Paul's Church, Beloit	400
Feb.	" " "	3750	" " "	" "	Amount of loan to a missionary, returned	5000
Mar 31	" " "	3750	" " "	" 11	St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee	560
June 23	" " "	3750	" " "	July 18	Christ Church, Green Bay	400
			" " "	" "	Hon. J. S. Horner, Green Bay	500

APPENDIX F.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

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25	"	Trinity Church, Mineral Point	5 20
29	"	St. Matthew's Church, Southport	28 39
Aug. 3	"	St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee	5 00
7	"	Christ Church, Green Bay	6 00
"	"	St. Matthew's Church, Southport	10 00
"	"	Christ Church, Green Bay	5 00
Nov 11	"	"	4 00
1847.	"	"	
Jan. 14	"	Hobart Church, Oneida Indiana, being the proceeds of an acre of Indian Corn, cultivated by the females of that nation	20 25
"	"	The Rev. S. Davis and Lady	10 00
"	"	St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah	6 36
Apr. 17	"	Christ Church, Green Bay	10 25
Jun. 10	"	St. Matthew's Church, Southport	20 00
24	"	St. Alban's Church, Lisbon	6 85
		Balance due Treasurer	29 68
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To balance due Treasurer			381 00

J. ALBERT HELFENSTEIN, Treasurer.

Milwaukee, June 24th, 1847.

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APPENDIX II.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PARISHES.	Period of time embraced in statistics.	Baptisms.			Communicants.				Present Sun. Sch.			Families, include.		Offerings.	Cost of Church building.			
		Infants.	Adults.	Not specified.	Total.	Confirmations.	At organiza- tion.	Present number.	Died.	Removed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Teachers.			Scholars.	At organiza- tion.	At present.
Christ Church, Green Bay.....	1829 to '47.....	113	12	125	35	67	34	4	39	29	43	1	45	23	130	\$ 500 00	\$ 6300 00	
St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.....	1845 to '47.....	92	16	108	30	1	98	10	21	17	67	8	80	83	381	333 00	5600 00	
Robert Church, Duck Creek.....	1836 to '47.....	312	8	320	138	51	109			87	109				800	30 25	2500 00	
St. Matthew's Church, Southport.....	1840 to '47.....	16		46	46	37	21	90		23	23			10	300	339 41	3000 00	
St. Paul's Church, Beloit.....	1841 to '47.....	16	7	23	12	5	25	1	12	11	9	3	15	19	30			
St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn.....	1842 to '47.....	44	4	48	17	9	41	2	3	8	13	5	35	34	100	140 30		
St. Alban's Church, Lisbon.....	1842 to '47.....			31	31	10	35		5	12								
St. Luke's Church, Racine.....	.....																
St. Matthias', Waukesha.....	.....																
Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake, & }.....	1844 to '47.....	64	1	65	32	16	93	12	31	22	31	31	32	133				
St. Olof's Church, Ashpen.....	1845 to '47.....			27	27		84	4	1					30	130			
Trinity Church, Mineral Point.....	1845 to '47.....						31	1		6	8	9	94		25 01			
Grace Church, Madison.....	1846 to '47.....	6	3	9	5	8	22							18	80			
Christ Church, Fox Lake.....	.....																
St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah.....	1841 to '47.....	256	49	305	107	25	305	6		31	51	8	50	30	400	177 68	1000 00	
Zion Church, Oconomowoc.....	1846 to '47.....	2		2			8							6	20			
St. George's Church, North Prairie.....	.....																
Trinity Church, Milwaukee.....	5 months.....	8				15	24			1	1	9	58	20	34	84	23 33	
Grace Church, Sheboygan.....	.....																
Trinity Church, Johnston.....	.....						5										
St. John's Church, Milwaukee.....	5 months.....			3	3									10	20		500 00	
St. Paul's Church, Watertown.....	.....	1					5			1					100		
Trinity Church, Janesville.....	.....																
Christ Church, Delavan.....	.....																
St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.....	1846 to '47.....	6		6														
Itinerant Missionary.....	1846 to '47.....	5																
St. Croix County Mission.....																	
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APPENDIX I.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Clerical Members.

The Rev. Stephen C. Millett, *President*, Beloit.
 The Rev. Samuel K. Miller, Waukesha.
 The Rev. William Hommann, Green Bay.
 The Rev. Gustaf Unonius, Pine Lake.

Lay Members.

Francis Randall, Secretary, Milwaukee.
 Paraclete Potter, Milwaukee.
 Daniel Warner, M. D., Summit.
 William Lupton, Prairie du Lac,

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL
 SEMINARY.

The Rev. Frederick W. Hatch, Southport.
 The Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Milwaukee.
 Isaac J. Ullman, Racine.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

Clerical Delegates.

The Rev. Solomon Davis, Onedia Nation, Duck Creek.
 The Rev. Thomas J. Ruger, Janesville.
 The Rev. Frederick W. Hatch, Southport.
 The Rev. Samuel Marks, Racine.

Lay Delegates.

J. Albert Helfenstein, Milwaukee.
 Benjamin McVicar, M. D., Milwaukee.
 W. T. Ward, Waukesha.
 A. H. Smith, Janesville.

SUPPLEMENTARY DELEGATES.

Clerical.

The Rev. Stephen C. Millett, Beloit.
 The Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, Stillwater, Lake St. Croix.
 The Rev. Stephen McHugh, Madison.

Lay.

H. W. Johnson, Racine.

J. S. Rockwell, Oconomewoc.

C. J. Hutchinson, Southport.

W. R. Gorslin, Sheboygan.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Bishop, with the Standing Committee, constitute the Board of Missions.

A COMMITTEE TO PROCURE THE PASSAGE OF AN ACT INCORPORATING THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

H. N. Chapman, Racine.

Moses B. Butterfield, Milwaukee.

Francis Randall, Milwaukee.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

Diocesan Missionary Purposes. Collections to be made *Quarterly*.

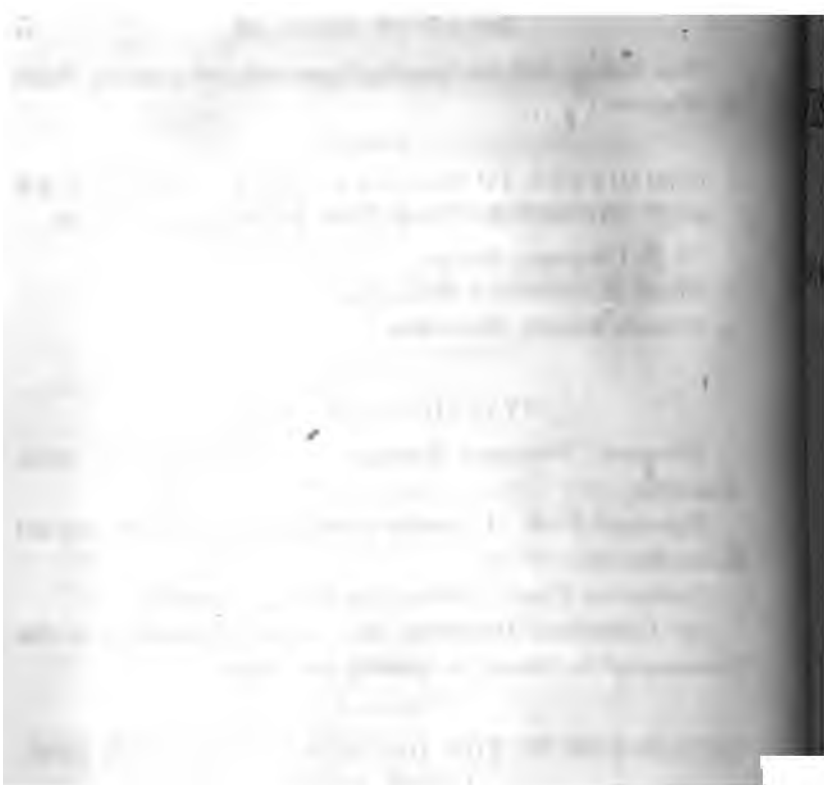
Episcopal Fund. Collection to be made on *Christmas-day* and *Easter Sunday*.

Convention Fund. Collection to be made *Annually*.

All Collections, Donations, &c., are to be forwarded to the *Treasurer of the Diocese*, designating their object.

TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE AND OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

J. Albert Helfenstein, Milwaukee.



JOURNAL

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IN THE

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, JANESVILLE,

JUNE 14th, 15th, AND 16th,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1848:

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING THE

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS, REPORTS OF PARISHES,

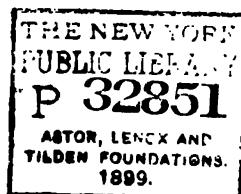
TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, ACTS OF INCORPORATION,

&c. &c. &c.

MILWAUKEE:

PRESS OF THE SENTINEL AND GAZETTE

1848.



List of the Clergy
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

JUNE 14TH, 1848.

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- Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D D., Bishop, in charge of the Diocese.
Rev. William Adams, Professor of Theology at Nashotah.
Rev. Benjamin Akerly, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.
Rev. William C. Armstrong, Deacon, Minister of St. Alban's Church, Lisbon.
Rev. George R. Bartlett, Deacon, Missionary, officiating at Columbus, Beaver Dam and Green Lake.
Rev. James Lloyd Breck, Pastor of Nashotah, and Rector of St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes.
Rev. L. Wilson Davis, Deacon, Minister of Grace Church, Sheboygan.
Rev. Solomon Davis, Green Bay.
†Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, Missionary, officiating at Stillwater, Lake St. Croix, and parts adjacent.
†Rev. Franklin R. Haff, Rector of Hobart Church, Oneida Indians, Duck Creek.
Rev. Frederick W. Hatch, Southport.
Rev. William Hommann, Rector of Christ Church, Green Bay.
†Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, Missionary, officiating at Watertown, Whitewater and Fox Lake.
Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Rector of Trinity Church, Milwaukee.
Rev. John Johnstone, M. D., Missionary at Nashotah, officiating at Ashipun, Warren, Waterville, Golden Lake, &c.
Rev. David Keene, Rector of St. John's Church, Milwaukee.
†Rev. Samuel Marks, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Racine.
†Rev. Samuel K. Miller, Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.
†Rev. Stephen C. Millett, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Beloit.
†Rev. Stephen McHugh, Missionary, officiating at Delavan and Elkhorn.
†Rev. Thomas J. Ruger, Rector of Trinity Church, Janesville.
Rev. Gustaf Unonius, Rector of St. James' Church, Manitowoc.
†Rev. Ebenezer Williams, Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.

Total number of Clergy, 23.

i Missionary of the General Board of Missions.

List of Organized Parishes
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

JUNE 14TH, 1848.

ORGANIZED.

Christ Church, Green Bay,	Sept. 16, 1829	Rev. Wm. Hommann, Rector.
St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee,	May 23, 1838	" Benjamin Akerly, "
Hobart Church, Duck Creek,	Sept. 1838	" F. R. Haff, "
St. Matthew's Ch., Southport,	April, 1840	Vacant.
St. Paul's Church, Beloit,	Feb. 26, 1841	Rev. S. C. Millett, "
St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn,	Oct. 1841	" S. McHugh, Missionary.
St. Luke's Church, Whitewater,	Mar. 28, 1842	" M. Hoyt, "
St. Albans' Church, Lisbon,	Oct. 2, 1842	" W. C. Armstrong, Minister.
St. Luke's Church, Racine,	1842	" S. Marks, Rector.
St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha,	Feb. 24, 1844	" S. K. Millor, "
Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake,	Mar. 3, 1844	Vacant,
Trinity Church, Janesville,	Sept. 4, 1844	Rev. T. J. Ruger, "
St. Olof's Church, Ashipun,	Dec. 9, 1844	Vacant.
Christ Church, Delavan,	1844	Rev. S. McHugh, Missionary.
Trinity Church, Mineral Point.	Sept. 1845	" Eben'r Williams, Rector.
Grace Church, Madison,	Jan. 1846	Vacant.
Christ Church, Fox Lake,	Feb. 10, 1846	Rev. M. Hoyt, Missionary.
St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah,	Feb. 24, 1846	" J. L. Breck, Rector.
Zion Church, Oconomowoc,	Aug. 1846	Vacant.
St. George's Ch., North Prairie,	Nov 22, 1846	Vacant.
Trinity Church, Milwaukee,	Jan. 7, 1847	Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, "
Grace Church, Sheboygan,	April 4, 1847	" L. W. Davis, Minister.
Trinity Church, Johnstown,	April 1847	Vacant.
St. John's Church, Milwaukee,	June 7, 1847	Rev. D. Keene, Rector.
St. Paul's Church, Watertown,	June 7, 1847	" M. Hoyt, Missionary.
Our Saviour's Church, Ashipun,	Aug. 19, 1847	Rev. J. Johnstone, M. D. Miss'y.
All St's Ch. Warren, Waukesha co,	Nov. 1, 1847	Rev. J. Johnstone, M. D. Miss'y.
St. James' Church, Manitowoc,	Feb. 28, 1848	" G. Unonius, Rector.

Total number of Parishes organized, 28.

List of Delegates
ELECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE PARISHES,
TO THE
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.—Benjamin H. Edgerton, J. Albert Helfenstein, Allen W. Hatch, Eli C. Kellogg.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SOUTHPORT.—John R. Phelps, Samuel Patterson, T. S. Greenwood, Josiah Bond.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BELOIT.—Charles Bicknell, Nathan B. Gaston, Henry T. Woodward, Washington Bastian.

ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS, ELKHORN.—William Lupton.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, LEBANON.—James Weaver, William Weaver.

TRINITY CHURCH, JAMESVILLE.—J. B. Doe, A. Hyatt Smith, A. Palmer, E. L. Roberts.

CHRIST CHURCH, DELAVAN.—George Thomas, E. B. Gates, Stephen S. Barlow, E. G. Wheeler.

TRINITY CHURCH, MINERAL POINT.—Edward Code, Thomas Riddle.

GRACE CHURCH, MADISON.—John Catlin, Nelson Emmons, Thomas W. Sutherland, R. W. Lansing.

ST. SYLVANUS' CHURCH, NASHOTAN LAKES.—Samuel Breck, Abraham G. Gurney, Leveritt B. Seymour, David Warner, M. D.

TRINITY CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.—Royal P. Locke, S. D. Cowles, Richard Scarrit, E. D. Phelps. SUBSTITUTES.—Dr. J. B. Selby, John A. Bowman, R. D. Jennings, R. N. Kimball.

GRACE CHURCH, SHEBOYGAN.—Linus B. Brainard, L. F. Benjamin, H. N. Smith, F. G. Peabody.

TRINITY CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN.—R. Wetmore, A. M. Carter. V. M. Ramee.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.—James B. Martin, John W. Stead, J. Colby, J. W. Cary.

OUR SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, ASHFURN.—Seth Leonard, Abel B. Sanford.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MANITOOWOC.—E. Holmes Ellis, Sturges B. Sherwood.

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JANESVILLE, *June 14, 1848.*

This being the "second Wednesday of June," the day established by the Constitution of the Diocese of Wisconsin for holding its Annual Conventions,—the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically connected with the Diocese and entitled to seats, and a number of Delegates from organized and incorporated parishes, assembled, at 10½ o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church, Janesville.

The Convention was opened with Public Common Prayer, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon from a Presbyterian appointed by the Bishop.

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. consecrated to the honour and worship of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, a building, recently erected by the parish at Janesville, under the name of "Trinity Church," Janesville.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Samuel Marks, assisted by the Rev. Stephen McHugh. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Frederick W. Hatch. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. S. Marks, the Rev. D. Keane, and the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham.

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper D. D. in the chair.

The list of Clergy canonically connected with the Diocese having been called over, the following answered as

Present—Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. The Rev. Messrs. Wm. Adams, Benjamin Akerly, Wm. C. Armstrong, Geo. R. Bartlett, L. Wilson Davis, Frederick W. Hatch, J. P. T. Ingraham,

John Johnstone, M. D., David Keene, Samuel Marks, Samuel K. Miller, Stephen C. Millett, ~~Stephen~~ McHugh, Thomas J. Ruger, Gustaf Unonius, Ebenezer Williams.

On motion of the Rev. Wm. Adams—*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to report the names of Clergymen canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, and to receive and examine the credentials of Lay-Delegates.

The Rev. B. Akerly, the Rev. Wm. Adams, and Mr. Allen W. Hatch, were appointed said Committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to assign seats to the respective Delegations.

The Delegation from Trinity Church Janesville, were appointed said Committee.

On motion, the Convention took a recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 14th., 3 o'clock P. M.

First day's session resumed.

On motion—The Rev. Benjamin Akerly was chosen Secretary, and the Rev. Stephen C. Millett, Ass. Sec't.

On motion—*Resolved*, That all Clergymen residing in the Diocese, but not canonically connected with it; Candidates for Holy Orders, and Clergymen on a visit to the Diocese, be invited to seats in this Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Aaron Humphrey of the Diocese of N. Y. residing at Beloit, and the Rev. E. G. Gear, Chaplain at Fort Snelling, St. Peter's, took seats.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to receive applications of new parishes for admission into union with this Convention, and to report thereupon.

J. A. Helfenstein, A. Hyatt Smith, and J. R. Phelps, were appointed said Committee.

The Committee on Clergymen and Lay Delegates entitled to seats in this Convention, asked leave to retire.

Leave was granted.

On motion—The "Rules of Order" of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Rev. F. W. Hatch submitted the following amendment of Art. 111, § 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese:—

Strike out all after the word "*Diocese*" in the first line, to the words "*shall be*" in the sixth line, and in lieu thereof, substitute the words, "*and not being under ecclesiastical censure, and having resided in the Diocese nine months.*"

The proposed amendment of the Constitution was seconded by the

Rev. W. Adams, and after a protracted debate, was laid upon the table.

The Committee on members of Convention, reported:

The Committee appointed to report the names of the Clergy canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, and to examine the credentials of Lay Delegates, respectfully report:

That they have ascertained the claims of the majority of the clergy, on the list of names furnished by the Bishop, to be valid; but that there are a certain number, of whose right they would require proof, as to the nature of their claim, having no evidence before them thereupon, viz: The Rev. Wm. Adams, the Rev. George R. Bartlett, the Rev. Solomon Davis, the Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, the Rev. F. W. Hatch.

Your Committee would, therefore, respectfully request, that these Clergymen give into the Committee the ground upon which they claim a seat; and that the Rev. W. Adams being one of those, whose right to a seat there is a question, we would ask that he be excused from this committee, and another person appointed in his stead; and that further time be allowed the committee.

Your committee would further report: That they have examined the credentials of Lay Delegates to this convention, and find the following entitled to seats.

St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee—Benjamin H. Edgerton, J. Albert Helfenstein, Eli C. Kellogg, Allen W. Hatch.

St. Matthew's Church, Southport—John R. Phelps, Samuel Patterson, T. S. Greenwood, Josiah Bond.

St. Paul's Church, Beloit—Charles Bicknell, Nathan B. Gaston, Henry T. Westward, Washington Bastian.

St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn—William Lupton.

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St. John's Church, Milwaukee—James B. Martin, J. W. Stead, J. Colby, J. W. Cary.

Trinity Church, Mineral Point—Edward Code, Thomas Riddle.

St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes—Samuel Breck, Abraham G. Gurney, Leverett B. Seymour, David Warner, M. D.

Trinity Church, Milwaukee—Royal P. Locke, S. D. Cowles, Richard Scarrit, E. D. Phelps, Substitutes: J. B. Selby Jr., John A. Bowman, R. D. Jennings, R. N. Kimball.

Grace Church, Sheboygan—Linus P. Brainard, S. F. Benjamin, H. N. Smith, F. G. Peabody.

Trinity Church, Johnstown—R. Wetmore, A. M. Carter, V. M. Ramee.

Trinity Church, Janesville—J. B. Doe, A. Hyatt Smith, A. Palmer, E. S. Roberts.

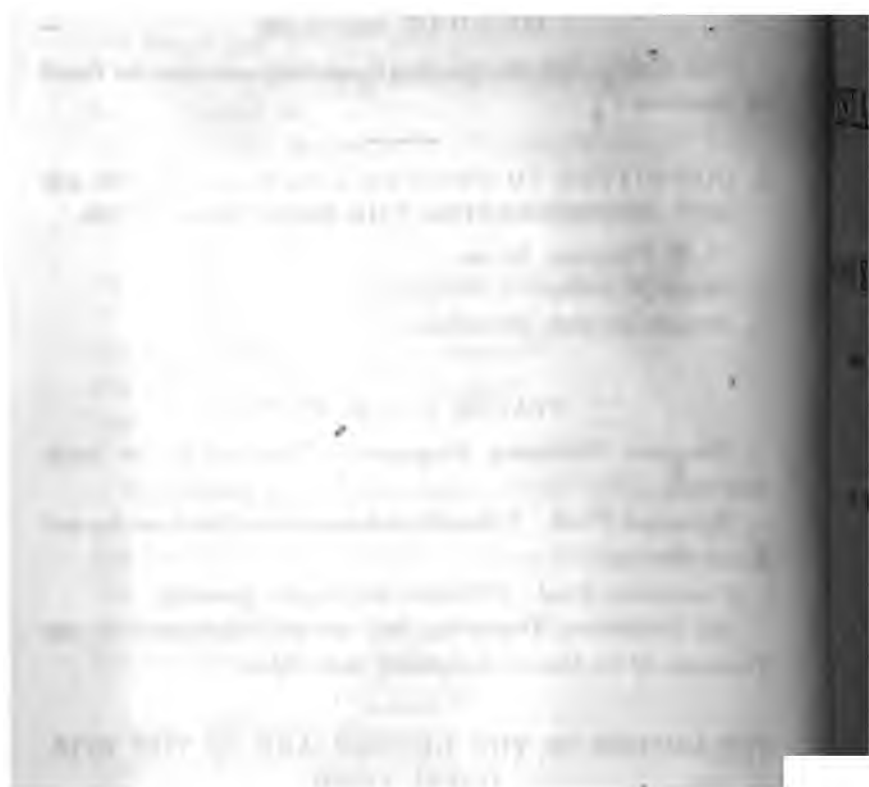
Christ Church, Delavan—George Thomas, E. B. Gates, Stephen S. Barlow, E. G. Wheeler.

Your committee would further report: That evidence has been laid before them, yet not such evidence as the constitution requires: that, Grace Church, Madison did, on Easter Monday last, elect John Catlin, Nelson Emmons, Thomas W. Sutherland and R. W. Lansing, as delegates to this Convention.

BENJAMIN AKERLY, Chairman.

On motion—The Report was accepted.

On motion—*Resolved*, That the Delegates from Grace Church, Madison, be permitted to take their seats.



The 21st December I had the gratification of consecrating St. John's Church, Milwaukee, to the service of Almighty God. It is a beautiful little chapel for which we are greatly indebted to the generous efforts of the Rector of St. Paul's Church. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion.

The following day, Trinity Church, Milwaukee, was consecrated by me, at which interesting occasion I delivered the sermon. This is a handsome Gothic edifice, and does great credit to the small but zealous congregation by which it was built. The two clergymen, during whose ministry these churches have been erected have been laborious and truly faithful in the discharge of their sacred duties.

I was with the Rev. William C. Armstrong, at Lisbon on the Festival of our Lord's Nativity, when I preached and administered the Lord's Supper. I returned in time to preach that night at Nashotah.

The 26th, I visited St. Olof's Parish which consists entirely of Norwegians. I preached to them in a private house, through the Rev. G. Unonius, who kindly interpreted for me.

Sunday, 2d January, A. D. 1848, the Festival of the Epiphany, and Sunday, 9th January, I participated with the resident clergy in the services at Nashotah. I administered the Eucharist three times, and preached three sermons, besides addressing the Missionary Association of the Institution.

The 16th January I was again at Lisbon, where I preached, confirmed six persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion. This congregation, composed in a great measure of English immigrants, has thus far done exceedingly well, for with scarcely any aid beyond the bounds of the Parish, they erected a substantial church. They are prepared, I trust, to sustain their minister.

I now visited Horicon, Green Lake, Dartford, Little Green Lake, Fox Lake, Beaver Dam, and Columbus, accompanied by the Rev. M. Hoyt. I preached twice at Fox Lake, and at the other places once, and confirmed an individual at Beaver Dam. Fox Lake is one of the stations at which the Rev. M. Hoyt officiates every third Sunday. There we had large and attentive congregations. At Horicon and its neighborhood we should have a missionary, and another in the Green Lake country. We found the Rev. G. R. Bartlett residing and officiating at Columbus, and he promised to extend his visits to Beaver Dam.

Sunday 30th January, I again officiated in Milwaukee, and preached at the three churches. During the morning at Trinity, I baptized two adults, confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion, and at night in St. Paul's there were thirteen candidates for the apostolic rite of "laying on of hands."

During the month of February, I visited Waukesha, where I preached, baptized the infant son of the Rector, and confirmed four persons; at Port Washington, I preached twice, and celebrated the Lord's supper in which six persons participated; at the Falls of Sheboygan I preached, and administered the Lord's supper to six persons; at Sheboygan I consecrated Grace Church, baptized six infants, confirmed two persons, preached three times, and administered the Holy Communion to eighteen persons; at Duck Creek there were seventeen candidates for confirmation on whom I laid hands; the communicants were numerous. Here I likewise preached. At Green Bay, I catechised the children, preached twice, and confirmed four persons; at Manitowoc, and likewise at Manitowoc Rapids I preached, and at Southport I preached twice and confirmed one individual. During the greater part of this month I was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Unonius.

Returning from a short visit to the Diocese of Indiana, I spent Sunday, March 12th, at Racine, where I preached twice, and catechised the children of the Parish.

17th March, I visited the Parish school attached to St. Sylvanus' Church, and can heartily commend it as a proper place for the christian education of boys.

Sunday, 19th March, I admitted the Rev. Deacon, John Johnstone, M. D. to Priests' orders, in the Nashotah chapel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. W. Hatch. That night I addressed the students on the sacred subject of Missions.

The following Sunday I preached twice to the congregation of St. Sylvanus, and administered the Lord's Supper.

Early in April I was again at St. Olof's Parish. Worship was held in a private house. Ten catechumens were presented for the apostolic rite of Confirmation, on whom I laid my hands. I addressed these candidates, and afterwards the congregation, the Rev. G. Unonius, acting as interpreter.

Sunday, April 9th, I was at Milwaukee, where I preached and confirmed six candidates in St. John's Church. I likewise preached at St. Paul's.

On the 14th of April I commenced a visitation of various parts of my extensive Mission, which has not yet terminated. I preached at Elkhorn, Geneva and its neighborhood, Delavan, Johnstown, Whitewater, Beloit, Janesville, Madison, Mineral Point, Platteville, Hazel Green, Benton, New Diggings, Shullsburg and Stillwater in this Diocese. At Delavan I baptised two infants. At Elkhorn I visited and prayed with a sick communicant. At Johnstown I visited and baptised a sick female adult. At Beloit I laid the corner stone of a new church, which is to be a substantial stone building. At Madison I preached three times, administered the Holy Communion to thirteen persons, baptized three infants, and attended a funeral. At New Diggings, I baptized an infant. And at Stillwater, I preached twice, and confirmed four persons.

On my return from Iowa and Indiana, I was enabled to reach Milwaukee at a late hour last Saturday night, and to preach twice on Whitsunday at St. John's Church, and administer the Lord's Supper.

And this morning in presence of you all, I consecrated Trinity Church, Janesville, in which we are now assembled, to the honor and worship of our heavenly Father. You must acknowledge that it is a beautiful proof of the liberality and zeal of the congregation. May they be richly rewarded with spiritual blessings for their work and labor of love.

The following are the names of the candidates for Holy Orders belonging to the Diocese: William Leach, John Ambrose Wheelock, Martin F. Sorenson, William Markoe, John McNamara, R. H. Weller, and George F. Richards.*

The Rev. G. R. Bartlett has left Walworth County, and is officiating at Columbus and other places in the North.

The zeal and energy of the congregation at Sheboygan deserve our highest commendation. They erected a commodious house of worship which is out of debt, and are endeavoring to sustain their minister. All this has been done in less than two years, while the Rev. L. Wilson Davis was yet in deacons' orders, and without any aid from friends abroad, or from the Board of Missions.

I have said that ill health compelled the Rev. S. Davis to resign his charge. His interest in the welfare of the Diocese, and particularly in the Aborigines of our country is unabated, and I hope he will have frequent opportunities of proving that his missionary spirit is as fervent as it ever was.

The Rev. F. W. Hatch has resigned the Rectorship of St. Matthew's church, Southport.

The Rev. G. Unonius, has taken charge of a Parish lately organized at Manitowoc. I am happy to say that the important and interesting station he held among the Norwegians will be supplied before this month has elapsed.

At this moment we ought, if possible to have clergymen at Port Washington, Southport, Geneva, Madison, Fond du Lac, New Diggings, Prairie du Chien, and other places.

In reference to myself and my future connection with the Diocese, I suggest the propriety of appointing a committee to report upon the subject, and to whom I shall be ready, if requested, to unbosom myself without reserve.

Most fervently praying for the direction of the Almighty, and His blessing upon all our efforts to promote the salvation of mankind, I shall cordially unite with you in every measure for the peace and welfare of the Church.

On motion of the Rev. F. W. Hatch—*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on the Episcopate of this Diocese.

*Eight more names were added to the list before the Convention adjourned.

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JUNE 14th, 15th, AND 16th,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1848:

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING THE

**CONSTITUTION AND CANONS, REPORTS OF PARISHES,
TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, ACTS OF INCORPORATION,
&c. &c. &c.**

MILWAUKEE:

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List of the Clergy
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- Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D D., Bishop, in charge of the Diocese.
 Rev. William Adams, Professor of Theology at Nashotah.
 Rev. Benjamin Akerly, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.
 Rev. William C. Armstrong, Deacon, Minister of St. Alban's Church, Lisbon.
 Rev. George R. Bartlett, Deacon, Missionary, officiating at Columbus, Beaver Dam and Green Lake.
 Rev. James Lloyd Breck, Pastor of Nashotah, and Rector of St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes.
 Rev. L. Wilson Davis, Deacon, Minister of Grace Church, Sheboygan.
 Rev. Solomon Davis, Green Bay.
 †Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, Missionary, officiating at Stillwater, Lake St. Croix, and parts adjacent.
 †Rev. Franklin R. Haff, Rector of Hobart Church, Oneida Indians, Duck Creek.
 Rev. Frederick W. Hatch, Southport.
 Rev. William Hommann, Rector of Christ Church, Green Bay.
 †Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, Missionary, officiating at Watertown, Whitewater and Fox Lake.
 Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Rector of Trinity Church, Milwaukee.
 Rev. John Johnstone, M. D., Missionary at Nashotah, officiating at Ashipun, Warren, Waterville, Golden Lake, &c.
 Rev. David Keene, Rector of St. John's Church, Milwaukee.
 †Rev. Samuel Marks, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Racine.
 †Rev. Samuel K. Miller, Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.
 †Rev. Stephen C. Millett, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Beloit.
 †Rev. Stephen McHugh, Missionary, officiating at Delavan and Elkhorn.
 †Rev. Thomas J. Ruger, Rector of Trinity Church, Janesville.
 Rev. Gustaf Unonius, Rector of St. James' Church, Manitowoc.
 †Rev. Ebenezer Williams, Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.

Total number of Clergy, 23.

†Missionary of the General Board of Missions.

List of Organized Parishes
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ORGANIZED.

Christ Church, Green Bay,	Sept. 16, 1829	Rev. Wm. Hommann, Rector.
St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee,	May 23, 1838	" Benjamin Akerly, "
Hobart Church, Duck Creek,	Sept. 1838	" F. R. Haff, "
St. Matthew's Ch., Southport,	April, 1840	Vacant.
St. Paul's Church, Beloit,	Feb. 26, 1841	Rev. S. C. Millett, "
St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn,	Oct. 1841	" S. McHugh, Missionary.
St. Luke's Church, Whitewater,	Mar. 28, 1842	" M. Hoyt, "
St. Albans' Church, Lisbon,	Oct. 2, 1842	" W. C. Armstrong, Minister.
St. Luke's Church, Racine,	1842	" S. Marks, Rector.
St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha,	Feb. 24, 1844	" S. K. Miller, "
Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake,	Mar. 3, 1844	Vacant,
Trinity Church, Janesville,	Sept. 4, 1844	Rev. T. J. Ruger, "
St. Olof's Church, Ashipun,	Dec. 8, 1844	Vacant.
Christ Church, Delavan,	1844	Rev. S. McHugh, Missionary.
Trinity Church, Mineral Point.	Sept. 1845	" Eben'r Williams, Rector.
Grace Church, Madison,	Jan. 1846	Vacant.
Christ Church, Fox Lake,	Feb. 10, 1846	Rev. M. Hoyt, Missionary.
St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah,	Feb. 24, 1846	" J. L. Breck, Rector.
Zion Church, Oconomowoc,	Aug. 1846	Vacant.
St. George's Ch., North Prairie,	Nov 22, 1846	Vacant.
Trinity Church, Milwaukee,	Jan. 7, 1847	Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, "
Grace Church, Sheboygan,	April 4, 1847	" L. W. Davis, Minister.
Trinity Church, Johnstown,	April 1847	Vacant.
St. John's Church, Milwaukee,	June 7, 1847	Rev. D. Keene, Rector.
St. Paul's Church, Watertown,	June 7, 1847	" M. Hoyt, Missionary.
Our Saviour's Church, Ashipun,	Aug. 19, 1847	Rev. J. Johnstone, M. D. Miss'y.
All St's Ch. Warren, Waukesha co,	Nov. 1, 1847,	Rev. J. Johnstone, M. D. Miss'y.
St. James' Church, Manitowoc,	Feb. 28, 1848	" G. Unonius, Rector.

Total number of Parishes organized, 28.

in Article XII of this Constitution; and in addition thereto, a vote of two-thirds of each order, shall be required to make such alteration or amendment.

On motion, this proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Diocese of Wisconsin, was adopted, and lies over to the next Annual Convention for final action thereupon.

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. in the following Address, declined the election to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

DEAR BRETHREN:—When unanimously requested by you a year since to become your Diocesan, I could not in my heart refuse so gratifying an invitation. I had been in a measure connected with the Church in this country from her first beginnings; and when the General Convention, in the year of our Lord, 1838, added Wisconsin, Iowa and part of the Indian Territory to my then Missionary jurisdiction, and the clergy and laity who resided within the bounds of your present state, solicited me by various documents to extend to them my episcopal supervision, I became deeply interested in your spiritual welfare and have never I believe suffered a year to pass without being in your midst. But there were other duties incumbent upon me. Called from a country parish where I expected to spend the remainder of my life, I became most unexpectedly the first Missionary Bishop of our Church in the United States. I have gloried in my office, and have magnified it amidst many difficulties and trials, and I have not felt that I could relinquish so weighty a charge while strength of mind and body was granted to me. It appeared to me when elected by you, that I could unite the two offices as they had been united in more than one instance. But doubts have arisen in the minds of some persons; and however reluctant to be separated from you, I cannot in the slightest degree hazard my present position. I must still remain the North-Western Missionary Bishop of the Church. I therefore respectfully decline the honor of becoming your Diocesan.

The Committee on the Episcopate reported,—

The Committee on the Episcopate respectfully report :

That having had an interview with the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. Bishop elect of this Diocese, and having learned from him his determination not to accept of the Episcopate of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and your committee being of the unanimous opinion, that this Diocese is utterly unable to support a Bishop, therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution by this Convention.

Resolved, That the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., be requested to take charge of this Diocese, as Provisional Bishop, until the Diocese shall be in a condition to support a Diocesan; and that the Standing Committee of the Diocese immediately correspond with the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, asking that the Right Reverend Jackson Kemper, D. D. be authorized to extend his ecclesiastical jurisdiction over this Diocese, as with Indiana.

BENJAMIN AKERLY,
A. HYATT SMITH,
J. A. HELFENSTEIN,
THOMAS J. RUGER,
SAMUEL MARKS.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

Whereupon Bishop Kemper resigned the chair and retired from Convention.

The Rev. Frederick W. Hatch in the chair.

The question being then taken upon the Resolution reported by the Committee, it was adopted unanimously.

On motion of the Rev. B. Akerly, Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper,

D. D., and inform him of his election to the provisional charge of this Diocese.

Rev. T. J. Ruger, the Rev. S. McHugh, and A. Hyatt Smith, were appointed said Committee.

The Committee retired, and after a few minutes returned, and re-conducted Bishop Kemper to the chair.

On motion of the Rev F. W. Hatch, *Resolved*, That an Act, passed by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin, and approved March 1st., 1848, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees for the management and care of the funds and property belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," be accepted by this Convention.*

On motion of the Rev. D. Keene, *Resolved*, That the Convention do now proceed to elect Trustees, as required by § 3 of said Act.

On motion of Rev. W. Adams, *Resolved*, That the election be by ballot.

Messrs. J. Catlin and J. A. Bowman, were appointed Tellers.

On motion of the Rev. S. C. Millett, *Resolved*, That the Convention do also proceed to elect Delegates to the General Convention.

Messrs. L. B. Seymour and J. R. Phelps were appointed Tellers.

On motion of the Rev. F. W. Hatch, *Resolved*, That the kindness and hospitality of the citizens of Janesville to the members of this Convention, call upon us to entertain for them sentiments of esteem and gratitude.

The Tellers on the votes cast for "Trustees of the funds and property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin" announced:

That J. Albert Helfenstein, John R. Phelps, J. B. Doe, A. Hyatt Smith and John Catlin had each received a majority of the votes cast; whereupon they were declared duly elect Trustees for the ensuing year.

On motion of A. Hyatt Smith, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in Trinity Church, Janesville.

The Tellers on the votes cast for Delegates to the General Convention, announced:

That the Rev. B. Akerly had been elected on the *Clerical* ticket; and that Messrs. J. A. Helfenstein, J. B. Doe, and A. H. Smith, had been elected on the Lay Ticket.

Leave of absence, after this day, was granted to the following members:

John Catlin of Madison, James Weaver and William Weaver of Lisbon. The Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham of Milwaukee.

On motion—*Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to nominate three *Clerical* and one *Lay* candidates to complete the number of Delegates to the General Convention.

The Rev. E. Williams and Mr. J. R. Phelps were appointed said committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to exam-

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line the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Episcopal Fund.

Ordered—That E. L. Roberts and J. B. Doe, be said Committee.

On motion—*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet immediately after Divine Service this Evening.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. G. R. Bartlett and the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, a Committee upon unfinished business.

The Convention took a recess.

TRINITY CHURCH, JANESVILLE, }
8 o'clock, P. M. }

Evening Prayer was read by the Rev John Johnstone, M. D. assisted by the Rev. L. W. Davis. A Sermon, upon Education, was preached by the Rev. Samuel Marks.

THURSDAY, June 15th, 9 o'clock P. M.

Second day's Session resumed.

The Committee upon unfinished Business reported :

The Committee upon unfinished Business respectfully report :

That as far as they can ascertain, there is no business now demanding the action of this Convention.

G. R. BARTLETT, *Chairman*.

On motion of John Catlin, *Resolved*, That a Committee of two be appointed in each Parish, to solicit donations to the Episcopal Fund.

Whereupon the Bishop appointed the following :

CHRIST CHURCH, GREEN BAY—John V. Suydam, Daniel Whitney.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE—P. Potter, J. W. Medbury,
HOBART CHURCH, DUCK CREEK—Daniel Bread, Anthony Atsquette,
ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SOUTHPORT—J. R. Phelps, C. I. Hutchinson.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BELOIT—H. T. Woodward, N. B. Gaston.
ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS, ELKHORN—Wm. Lupton, Le Grand Rockwell.
TRINITY CHURCH, JANESVILLE—M. B. Edson, E. L. Roberts.
ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, LISBON—James Weaver, Henry Shearn.
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, RACINE—E. Smith, I. J. Ullman.
ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, WAUKESHA—Albert Marsh, C. R. Dakin.
SCANDINAVIAN PARISH, PINE LAKE—E. B'jornsen, Erick Helgeson.
ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WHITEWATER—Rich'd Hoppin Senr., G. W. Williams.
ST. OLOF'S CHURCH, ASHIPUN—John G. Gassman, Seth Leonard.
TRINITY CHURCH, MINERAL POINT—Dr. S. Fulford, Albert Paris.
GRACE CHURCH, MADISON—J. G. Knapp, Thos. W. Sutherland.
CHRIST CHURCH, FOX LAKE—Gordon Merrill.
ST. SYLVANUS' CHURCH, NASHOTAH LAKES—L. B. Seymour, A. G. Gurney.
ZION CHURCH, OCONOMEWOC—John S. Rockwell, Thomas Salter.
ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, NORTH PRAIRIE—S. S. Case.
TRINITY CHURCH, MILWAUKEE—Dr. J. B. Selby, R. D. Jennings.
GRACE CHURCH, SHEBOYGAN—S. F. Benjamin, Henry H. Conklin.
TRINITY CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN—V. M. Ramee, R. Wetmore.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE—W. W. Yale, W. H. Cross.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WATERTOWN—David Jones, Lawrence Friebert.
CHRIST CHURCH, DELAVAN—Geo. Thomas, S. Barlow.
ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, MANITOWOC—T. A. H. Edwards, ——— Steele.

GREEN LAKE—John S. Horner, W. T. Ward.
 PORT WASHINGTON—Dr. Sherwood.
 GENEVA—Richardson, Wm. H. Whiting.
 ASTALAN—George Woodward.
 HORICON—Sylvester Rice, Charles H. Larrabee.
 PRAIRIE DU CHIEN—Judge Lockwood.
 POTOM—D. McKenzie.

On motion of the Rev. W. Adams, *Resolved*, That the amendment of the Constitution of this Diocese, proposed by A. Hyatt Smith, as Article XIII of said Constitution, be Instructions of this Convention to the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin;" and that, as such, they be entered upon the Journal of this Convention; and that, the Secretary furnish a written copy, also, of these Instructions to said Trustees.*

The Committee on Delegates to the General Convention reported the following as proper Candidates:

The Rev. S. McHugh, the Rev. S. C. Millett, the Rev. J. L. Breck and Mr. A. W. Hatch.

On motion of J. Albert Helfenstein, *Resolved*, That (the Rev. Benjamin Akerly be appointed *Conservator of Church Documents* for this Diocese, to collect and preserve Documents illustrating the history of the Church in this Diocese, and of its respective Parishes.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention do now proceed to complete, by ballot, the full number of Delegates to the General Convention.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account reported:

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same, and beg leave to report the Accounts as correct. The Treasurer will read them to the Convention and make some explanations.

J. B. DOE,
 E. L. ROBERTS.

Whereupon, the Treasurer read his Accounts. The Treasurer stated, that, if any erroneous charges existed, they were to be accounted for from the fact, that several sums had been received unaccompanied by any statement as to what object they were to be applied. By aid of the Parochial Reports he hoped to correct his accounts before handing them to the Secretary.**

On motion of B. H. Edgerton, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be directed to make over, to the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," whatever funds and property properly belonging to said Trustees, may be in his hands.

On motion, *Resolved*, That J. A. Helfenstein be elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese for the last year reported:

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The Standing Committee Respectfully present the following Report of their acts during the year :

Immediately after their election, they organized by the appointment of Rev. S. C. Millett President, and Francis Randall as Secretary, and at the same time, June 25, 1847, having examined the testimonials laid before them in favour of Reginald H. Weller for admission as a Candidate for Orders, certified, in favor thereof, to Right Rev. Bishop Kemper.

At a meeting held on the 17th of August, 1847, at St. Matthias' Church, Waukegan, the Committee, on testimonials laid before them in favour of the admission of Rev. David Keene and J. P. T. Ingraham, Deacons, to Priests' Orders, the Committee recommended them to Bishop Kemper for admission to that holy office.— There were present at this meeting, Rev. Messrs Miller and Unionius, and Messrs. P. Potter, D. Warner, and F. Randall.

At a meeting held at the residence of Bishop Kemper, Dec. 15, 1847, there being present, Rev. S. C. Millett, Rev. G. Unionius, and Mr. D. Warner, the Committee recommended Rev. J. Johnstone, Deacon, for admission to the Priesthood and George F. Richards for admission as a Candidate for Orders, and at the same time adopted the following resolution:

Whereas it appears that no provision was made by the Diocese of Wisconsin for the support of the Right Rev. J. Kemper, the Bishop elect of the Diocese ;

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee request the Right Rev. J. Kemper D. D. to act as Provisional Bishop of the Diocese until the next Convention, and to postpone his acceptance of the Episcopate until that time.

The Committee have felt that the state of the Diocesan funds would not permit the employment by them of a Missionary and therefore have not employed one.

They have also found it impossible to procure a full attendance of the Committee at any time, owing to the distance at which the members live from each other, and the difficulty of getting notice to all: They, therefore, recommend that the Convention locate, at least a majority of the Committee, in the same place.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. C. MILLETT, *President*.

FRANCIS RANDALL, *Secretary*.

The tellers on the votes cast for Delegates to the General Convention announced :

That the Rev. S. McHugh, the Rev. S. C. Millett, and the Rev. J. L. Breck, on the Clerical Ticket; and Mr. A. W. Hatch on the Lay Ticket, had been duly elected.

The Reports of Parishes and Missionaries were received and read at intervals during the day's session.*

On motion,—The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

FRIDAY, June 16th 1848, 8 A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.; in the chair.

Present,—The Rev. Messrs., as on the Second Day's Session, with the exception of the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, and the Rev. G. Unionius. The Messrs., Lay Delegates as on the Second Day's Session, with the exception of Messrs. J. Catlin, J. Weaver, W.

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Weaver, E. G. Wheeler, C. Bicknell, W. Bastian, G. Thomas, E. B. Gates, S. S. Barlow, T. Riddle, E. Code.

On motion of J. B. Doe—*Resolved*, That the Convention do now proceed to ballot for Supplementary Delegates to the General Convention.

Messrs. J. B. Doe and H. T. Woodward were appointed tellers.

The Tellers on Supplementary Delegates, announced :

That the Rev. Messrs. E. Williams and S. K. Miller, on the Clerical ticket ; and Messrs. B. H. Edgerton, H. T. Woodward, Daniel Bread, (Tega-wi-a-te-ren,) Head Chief of the Oneida Nation, and Wm. Lupton, on the Lay Ticket, had been duly elected.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention do now proceed to a second ballot to complete the number of Clerical Supplementary Delegates.

On motion of J. R. Phelps, *Resolved*, That the Rev. B. Akerly, and Messrs. J. A. Helfenstein and A. W. Hatch be a Committee to publish the Journal of this Convention : That five hundred copies be published : and that the Committee be authorized to call upon the Parishes for Funds to defray the expense.

Resolved, That the Publishing Committee use their own discretion in the distribution of the Journals, and when ready for delivery, that they give notice thereof to the Vestry of the different Parishes, stating the number of copies to which each is entitled : and that the Committee deliver fifty copies to the Secretary of the Convention, to be by him preserved for the use of the Convention.

The Tellers on the second ballot for Supplementary Clerical Delegates to the General Convention announced :

That the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, and the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham had been duly elected.

On motion,—*Resolved*, That the Convention do now take a recess in order to attend Divine Service.

TRINITY CHURCH, JAMESVILLE, }
FRIDAY, June 16th, 1848, 10½ A. M. }

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. G. R. Bartlett, assisted by the Rev. S. C. Millett. After morning prayer was ended, the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper admitted the Rev. Messrs. Lothrop Wilson Davis, and William Charles Armstrong, Deacons, to the Holy Order of Priesthood. The Sermon was preached by the Bishop. The Rev. L. W. Davis was presented to the Bishop by the Rev. F. W. Hatch, and the Rev. W. C. Armstrong by the Rev. T. J. Ruger.

The Rev. Messrs. F. W. Hatch, T. J. Ruger and S. C. Millett, united with the Bishop in the "imposition of hands."

The Holy Eucharist was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. S. C. Millett.

FRIDAY, June 16th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Third day's session resumed.

There being no business before the Convention,

The Convention adjourned, *sine die*.JACKSON KEMPER, D. D.,
*Provisional Bishop*BENJAMIN AERLY,
*Secretary.*S. C. MILLETT,
Ass't Secretary.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave of the chair.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

8. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, to lay on the table, or postpone it ; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

9. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

10. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

APPENDIX B.

CONSTITUTION
AND
CANONS
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

CONSTITUTION,

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE, 1847.

ARTICLE I.

Acceding to General Constitution.

The Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, desirous of entering into federal union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, does, accordingly accede to, recognize and adopt the General Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Annual Convention.

There shall be an annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the Second Wednesday of June.

ARTICLE III.

Members of Convention.

Sec. 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Laity.

Sec. 2. Every Clergyman canonically connected with this diocese and having charge of some Parish, (or officiating as a missionary within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy or seminary of learning constituted or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States,) shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention.

Sec. 3. The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four Deputies from each congregation in this Diocese in union with this

Convention, a certificate of whose appointment shall be signed by either the Minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the Vestry, and laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

ARTICLE IV.

President of Convention.

The Bishop or Bishop in charge of the Diocese shall, ex officio, preside in Convention, and be entitled to vote on all questions. The Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote and in the absence of the Bishop shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop and of the Assistant Bishop or their inability to act, then the members shall elect from the Presbyters, a President, pro tempore.

ARTICLE V.

Transaction of Business.

Sec. 1. The Bishop with such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 2. The clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such.

Sec. 3. On a call of any five members, the Convention shall vote by orders. In such a case the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure, and each parish shall be entitled to only one vote.

Sec. 4. On every question, the votes of a majority of those present, or when voting by orders, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide the question.

ARTICLE VI.

Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.

Sec. 1. At each Annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen from among its members, who shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, and when approved to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of the Bishop all originals, and to his successor, all books and papers relating to the concerns of the convention, which may be in his possession. An Assistant Secretary may also be chosen, if requested by the Secretary.

Sec. 2. A Treasurer of this Convention shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office to the Secretary of the Convention for the use of the Convention and shall present a statement of his accounts at each Annual Convention.

Sec. 3. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to

appoint a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all money, bonds, mortgages, notes or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal or incapacity.

ARTICLE VII.

Standing Committee.

Sec. 1. The Convention shall elect annually, a Standing Committee to consist of four Presbyters and four Laymen: who when there is no Bishop, or he incapable of acting, shall be the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared in this Constitution.

Sec. 2. The said Presbyters must be canonically connected with this Diocese, and at the time of their election must be in actual charge of a Parish.

Sec. 3. The Lay members of the Committee must be communicants of some Church in the Diocese in union with the Convention.

Sec. 4. The Committee at their first meeting, shall choose a President from among the clerical members, and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for that purpose, which book and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention.

Sec. 5. The Bishop shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in this body during the recess of the Convention.

Sec. 6. The whole being summoned, three of the Committee, both orders being represented—shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII.

Delegates to General Convention.

Sec. 1. At every Annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Sec. 2. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters, canonically connected with this Diocese, and having parochial charges.

Sec. 3. In case of a failure or neglect of the Convention to elect Deputies, those already in office shall continue until successors are chosen.

Sec. 4. The Convention shall also elect, by ballot, a like number of Supplementary Deputies of each order, to serve as deputies contingently.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop in writing, at least six weeks before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment, and intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many from those of the Supplementary Deputies, as shall be necessary to insure a full representation of the Diocese; and the

persons so designated shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

Special Convention.

Sec. 1. The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention.

Sec. 2. There shall be no less than six weeks notice, previous to the day appointed, given to the several Churches by a circular letter.

Sec. 3. Such Special Convention shall be holden at a place designated by the Ecclesiastical Authority calling it; and at such Special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

ARTICLE X.

Admission of Parishes.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes: provided they shall have laid before the Convention a Constitution, subscribed by the Wardens, wherein they expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and are duly incorporated, and regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and at least three Vestrymen.

ARTICLE XI.

Election of a Bishop.

Sec. 1. After the first, no other election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made, unless in an Annual Convention, or in a Special Convention called for the purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to every Clergyman and Vestry of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The election shall be made in the following manner:—The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office; and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. If two thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to vote be represented, then a majority of each order shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the Clergy and Congregations present, then two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XII.

Alteration of Constitution.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner: The proposed alteration or amendment shall be sub-

mitted to the Annual Convention ; and if approved of by a majority of both orders, shall lie over to the next Annual Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each order, shall become valid and obligatory.

Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.

CANONS
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

CANONS

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 24, 1847.

CANON I.

List of Clergymen in the Diocese.

On or before the first day of the meeting of Convention, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the President of the Standing Committee, to give to the Secretary of the Convention a certified list of the names of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese and entitled to seats and votes in Convention.

CANON II.

Opening of Convention.

Every Convention shall be opened with the Public Common Prayer of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon by a Presbyter, appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver a Sermon or Charge.

CANON III.

Parochial Registers and Reports.

In every Congregation, the Church Wardens shall, at the expense of the Parish, provide a proper book, in which the minister, or if the Parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the names of all persons Baptized, Married and Buried, together with a list of persons Confirmed, and of those who are Communicants of the Church, with the date of every event recorded, which shall be under the signature of the person recording. From this Register, there shall, annually, be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of Convention, a full and accurate statement of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and of persons Confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion.

CANON IV.

Persons repelled the Holy Communion.

When a person who has been repelled the Holy Communion appeals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him, the Bishop may, and if the person demands, it shall be his duty to, appoint three Presby-

ters who shall make inquiries into the truth of the charges alleged, and shall make a report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop.

CANON V.

Diocesan Missions.

The Diocesan Missionary operations of this Church, shall be conducted according to the system which may be settled by the Church in Convention; and at any time according to the exigencies of the times, may be amended or altered by the same authority. But always the Missionaries shall be nominated by the Bishop, and the Standing Committee as the regular authorities of the Diocese.

CANON VI.

Mode of Trying Clergymen.

Sec. 1. If a clergyman of this Church, offend against any Canon of the General Convention of the Church, or against any Canon of this Diocese, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing by any two persons, who shall be communicants, and one of them shall be a Presbyter of this Church.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee if they deem the charges well founded, shall present said Clergyman to the Bishop for trial.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall, thereupon, summon a jury of three Presbyters who shall be the judges both of the law and the facts. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Presbyter of the Church in this Diocese, and shall give the accused a copy of the charges presented to the Bishop, and also sixty days notice of the time and place of trial.

Sec. 4. If the accused shall not appear at the trial without assigning sufficient cause, the judgment of the court shall proceed against him for contempt and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the space of six months: and if, during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

Sec. 5. The judgment of the Court, shall, in all cases, be made known in writing to the accused, and to the Wardens and Vestrymen of his Parish, together with the charges and specifications, and an outline of the evidence produced on the trial, if it shall be demanded by the accused.

Sec. 6. If the Bishop approve the judgment, he shall, within thirty days, proceed to administer the discipline prescribed by the court.

Sec. 7. Should the Bishop disapprove the decision of the court, he may summon a new court, and order a new trial, and the judgment of the second court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above,

Sec. 8. In case of the suspension of any Clergyman, such suspension may be either for a limited period, or until the offender give to the Bishop satisfactory evidence of contrition and reformation.

Sec. 9. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the ministry shall, ipso facto, sever the connection between the Clergyman so suspended, and his Parish.

Sec. 10. In all cases where charges are canonically preferred against a Clergyman of this Church, the accused shall have the right to demand a trial, which demand must be made in writing, and if not granted within three months the charges shall be discontinued.

CANON VII.

Alteration of Canons.

No alterations in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.

APPENDIX C.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE PARISHES OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL
CHURCH.

IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 25, 1847.

ARTICLE I.

Acceding to the General and Diocesan Constitution, Canons, &c.

This Parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, expressly accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Uses of Church Buildings.

The Church Building, or House of Worship belonging to this Parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes either authorized or approved of by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

ARTICLE III.

Rector and Minister.

Sec. 1. The Rector is, ex-officio, President of the Vestry, and of the Congregation, and has the casting vote in case of a tie, on all questions brought before it.

Sec. 2. The Minister has the spiritual oversight of this Parish, and the Church Building shall be open to him for Public Common Prayer, Catechetical or other religious instruction, for Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals and all other rites and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, at such times as he may deem proper.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Minister to enter in the "Church Register" all Baptisms, Marriages, Burials and Confirmations occurring within his cure; to keep an accurate list of the Communicants and also a register of the families and individuals belonging to the Parish.

Sec. 4. The Minister of this Parish shall, at the end of every civil year, present to the wardens a full, faithful, and accurate written account of all Offerings received and disbursed by him in his official capacity as almoner of the Church, which account the Wardens shall present to the Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the "Record Book" of the Church, and the original shall be placed upon file among the Parish Documents. This annual account shall distinctly state the sources from whence the offerings came, and the persons or objects to which they were applied. It is left discretionary with the Minister to withhold names where prudence or a regard for the feelings of individuals renders it expedient.

ARTICLE IV.

Wardens.

Sec. 1. It is recommended that the Wardens, as advisers to the Minister, be communicants of the Church.

Sec. 2. The Senior Warden, or in case of his inability to act, then the Junior Warden shall have the care of the "Record Book" of the Parish, and shall cause to be copied therein all Documents bearing upon the history of the Parish.

Sec. 3. The Wardens shall have a care that the Church Building be kept from all secular, or other uses not authorized by Article II, of this Constitution; that it be kept in good repair as becometh the House of God.

Sec. 4. In case there be no Rector, or of absence or inability to act on his part, the Wardens according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry and of the Congregation. In case both the Rector and Wardens be absent, a Vestryman shall be chosen to preside.

Sec. 5. In case there be any Clergyman of the Church, residing within this Parish, who shall conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the Rules of the Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Wardens shall in writing give notice thereof to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop.

Sec. 6. In the absence of the Wardens, their several duties shall devolve upon the Vestrymen.

ARTICLE V.

Annual Elections.

The Congregation of this Parish shall meet Annually on Monday of Easter week, and elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three, nor more than eight Vestrymen, who shall continue to discharge the functions of their office during one year, or until their successors are elected in accordance with the Provisions of the act of the Legislature on the subject.

ARTICLE VI.

Vestrymen.

Sec. 1. The Vestrymen, together with the Wardens, shall transact

all the temporal business of the Parish ; shall collect and disburse all money due for Church purposes, and shall, at the end of every civil year—if the Treasury be deficient—collect as far as practicable, by subscriptions or otherwise, a sum sufficient to liquidate all the current expenses of the Church.

Sec. 2. The Vestry shall, on or before Easter Monday, cause to be written and placed in the hands of the Minister, but if there be no Minister, then the Senior Warden—a full, accurate and faithful statement of the temporal condition of the Parish as a body corporate : and at the meeting of the Congregation on Easter Monday, the Minister or Senior Warden shall before balloting for Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the Congregation, and after deliver it to the new Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the Record Book of the Church, and the original shall be placed on file among the Parish Documents. The said statement shall declare what money, lands, or other property have been received during their term of office, and from what source. It shall further declare what money has been expended and for what objects : what property has been purchased, exchanged, mortgaged, sold or otherwise alienated or encumbered, and for what purposes.

ARTICLE VII.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 1. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by the Vestry, who shall serve till their successors in office are chosen.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Vestry : to take minutes of its proceedings, and when approved, to enter and attest the same in the "Book of Minutes" of the Vestry : it shall be his further duty to enter in the "Record Book" of the Church, the Minister's annual account of offerings, and the Vestry's annual account of the temporal condition of the Parish, and to preserve on file all the originals.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money collected under the authority of the Vestry—the reception and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for—and in case there be no collector appointed by the vestry, himself shall also collect the same.

Sec. 4. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order from the Vestry, signed by one of the Wardens. The Treasurer shall present to the Vestry, at least two weeks before Easter Monday, a full and accurate statement accompanied with vouchers of all money received and paid by his department, since the last annual statement.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer if he be not a member of the Vestry, shall attend its meetings when requested, and be guided by its advice in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, and be ready to answer all questions as to the state of the Treasury.

ARTICLE VIII.

Vestry Meetings.

Sec. 1. *Quarterly Meetings* of the Vestry shall be held on the first Mondays of May, August, November and February.

Special Meetings may be held at such times as the Minister or any two of the members may desire.

Sec. 2. At every meeting of the Vestry, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, and if correct approved; if incorrect, amended and approved.

At every quarterly meeting, the minutes of the last quarterly and of all subsequent special meetings shall be read.

ARTICLE IX.

Altering of Constitution.

Alterations, amendments or additions may at any time be made to this Constitution by the Annual Diocesan Convention.

APPENDIX D.

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND OTHER RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES IN THE TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin :

SECTION 1. That it shall be lawful for the male persons of full age of any church or congregation in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Territory of Wisconsin, who shall have belonged to such church or congregation for the last twelve months, and who shall have been baptized in the Protestant Episcopal Church, or shall have been received therein, either by the rite of confirmation, or by purchasing or hiring a pew or seat in such church, or by some joint act of the parties and of the Rector, whereby they shall have attached themselves to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and not already incorporated, at any time to meet for the purpose of incorporating themselves under this act, and by a majority of ballots to elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three nor more than eight Vestrymen, and to determine on what day of the week called Easter Week the said offices of Church Wardens and Vestrymen shall annually thereafter cease, and their successors in office be elected ; of which election, notice shall be given in the time of morning service on two Sundays previous thereto, by the Rector, or if there be no Rector, then by any person belonging to such church or congregation ; and that the said Rector, or if there be no Rector, or he be absent, then one of the Church Wardens or Vestrymen, or any other person, called to the chair, shall preside at such first election, and together with two other persons, shall make a certificate, under their hands and seals, of the election of the Church Wardens and Vestrymen, and of the day in Easter week fixed upon for the annual election of their successors, and of the name or title by which such Church or congregation shall be known in law ; which certificate shall be witness-ed by two witnesses, and may be acknowledged before any officer authorized to take acknowledgement of deeds, in the same manner as deeds shall by law be acknowledged at the time of taking such acknowledgment, and recorded by the County Register of the county wherein such Church or congregation, or place of worship thereof, shall be situated, in a book to be by such Register provided for that purpose ; And that such Church Wardens and Vestrymen, so elected, and their successors in office, of themselves, but

if there be a Rector over such Church, then they together with such Rector of such Church or congregation, shall form a Vestry and be trustees of such Church or congregation; and such trustees and their successors shall thereupon, by virtue of this act, be a body corporate by the name or title expressed in such certificate; and the persons qualified as aforesaid shall in every year thereafter, on the day in Easter week so fixed upon for that purpose, elect such Church Wardens and Vestrymen, and whenever any vacancy or vacancies shall happen before such annual election, by death or otherwise, the said trustees shall appoint a time for holding an election to supply such vacancy or vacancies; of which election, notice shall be given in time of divine service, at least ten days previous thereto; that all elections shall be held immediately after the hour of morning service; and the Rector of such Church or congregation, so incorporated or formed, or in his absence, one of the Wardens or Vestrymen of such Church, shall preside, and receive the votes of the electors, and be the returning officer, and decide all questions of the right to vote; and the proceedings of every such election shall be entered in a book of the Minutes of the Vestry, and be signed by such presiding officer, and by as many of the electors present as such presiding officer may deem proper; and in case there should be, from any cause, no election at such annual election, then the officers of such Church or congregation shall hold over until the next annual election, or till a special election shall be called by such Vestry, or Church, or congregation, which may be done by notice to be given as in case of election to fill vacancies. Such Wardens and Vestrymen, so chosen at any election, shall hold their offices until the expiration of the year for which they shall be chosen, and until others shall be chosen in their stead; and shall have power to call and induct a Rector over such Church or congregation, as often as there shall be a vacancy therein: *Provided, however*, that no meeting of such Wardens and Vestrymen shall be held unless a notice thereof shall be given in writing, at least three days previous thereto, under the hand of the Rector, or one of the Church Wardens; and that no such board shall be competent, unless the Rector, or one of the Wardens, and a majority of the Vestrymen be present, to transact business. At all meetings of the Vestry of any such Church or congregation, the Rector, if present, if not, one of the Wardens, if present, and in case both Wardens are present, the Senior Warden shall preside, and have the casting vote in case of a tie.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any Church or congregation, incorporated as aforesaid, shall have power to purchase and hold, or lease any real estate for the site of a Church or house of public worship, and suitable yards, or grounds for the same, and for a Parsonage and a School House, and to erect all such buildings thereon, proper and suitable for such Church, or house of worship, and parsonage and school house, and to purchase, take by gift, or devise, or otherwise, any real estate or other property, and to sell

and dispose of, or lease the same. But in no case shall any such Church or congregation, hold any real estate within this territory, the annual income of which shall exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, excepting the site of the Church, Parsonage and School House. That they shall have the power to sell or rent, or otherwise dispose of all slips, pews and seats in any such Church, and to rent or sell, or otherwise dispose of all the real estate of such Church or congregation, and to employ and contract for the services of a Minister or Clergyman, and to sue for and collect all subscriptions, rents, demands and dues of such Church or congregation, and to manage all the fiscal concerns of the same in the name of such Church.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for the male persons of full age belonging to any other Church, congregation or religious society, now or hereafter to be established in this territory, and not already incorporated, to assemble at the church, meeting house, or other place where they statedly attend for divine worship, and by a plurality of votes to elect any number of discreet persons of their church, congregation or society, not less than three, or more than nine in number, as trustees to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto, and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof; and that at such elections every male person of full age, who has statedly worshipped with said Church, congregation or society, and has been formerly considered as belonging thereto, shall be entitled to vote, and the said election shall be conducted as follows: The Minister of said Church, congregation or society, or in case of his death, or absence, one of the Elders or Deacons, Church Wardens or Vestrymen thereof, and for want of such officers, any other person, being a member or a stated hearer in said Church, congregation or society, shall publicly notify the congregation, of the time when, and the place where the said election shall be held, at least fifteen days before the day of election; that the said notification shall be given, for two successive sabbaths, or days on which said Church, congregation or society shall statedly meet for public worship, preceding the day of election, that on the said day of election, two of the Elders or Church Wardens, and if there be no such officers, then two of the members of said Church, congregation or society, to be nominated by a majority of the members present, shall preside at such election, receive the votes of electors, be the judges of the qualifications of such electors, and the officers to return the names of the persons, who, by a plurality of votes, shall be elected to serve as trustees for said Church, congregation or society; and the said returning officers, shall immediately thereafter certify, under their hands and seals, the names of the persons elected to serve as trustees for said Church, congregation or society, in which certificate the name or title by which the said trustees and their successors shall forever thereafter be called and known, shall be particularly mentioned and described, which said certificate, being proved or acknowledged, as above directed, shall be recorded as aforesaid; and such trustees,

and their successors shall also thereupon, by virtue of this act, be a body corporate and politic, by the name or title expressed in such certificate, and shall have all the powers, immunities and privileges conferred upon Churches by the second section of this act, and shall be subject to all the restrictions and provisions contained in said section and the register of deeds of every county for recording every certificate of incorporation by virtue of this act, shall be entitled to a fee of seventy-five cents, and no more.

Sac. 4. That every Church, congregation, or society incorporated under the provisions of the third section of this act, shall have power to enact bye-laws for its government and prescribe the term of office of its trustees and other officers.

Sac. 5. Every Church, congregation, or society incorporated under the provisions of the third section of this act, shall keep a full and complete record of all ordinances, bye-laws, rules, meetings and proceedings thereof; and of the names of all persons who shall be elected officers thereof, and of all monies received, paid out or expended by them, or any of them, in and about the affairs thereof: which record shall be always open to the inspection of its members, and shall be admitted in all courts as evidence of the matters therein stated

APPROVED, February 8, 1847.

APPENDIX E.

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AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CARE OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin :

SECTION 1. That Paraclate Potter, John Catlin, J. A. Helfenstein, A. H. Smith, and John R. Phelps, of Wisconsin and their successors duly elected and appointed in the manner hereinafter provided, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be competent to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to answer and be answered unto, in all courts of law and equity, and be capable of taking and holding by gift, grant and devise, and of purchasing, holding and conveying real estate and personal property, *Provided*, the yearly income of such property, both real or personal, shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. The object of said corporation shall be the management and care of any funds which are now provided, or which may be hereafter contributed or acquired for the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, the income whereof to be appropriated by the said trustees according to the directions to be from time to time given by the Convention of said Church in Wisconsin.

SECTION 3. The said Trustees shall be five in number, to be hereafter elected at each annual meeting of the Convention of said Church, and hold their offices for the period of one year from and after such elections, and until other trustees shall have been elected and entered upon their duties.

SECTION 4. The said Trustees shall make a report at each annual convention, exhibiting the amount and condition of the said funds and property under their charge.

SECTION 5. The said Trustees shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, to hold his appointment during their pleasure, and to be subject at all times to their control and direction, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of said trustees, to receive and pay out all money, and take charge of and manage all the property, real and personal, which may be intrusted to the care of said board of trustees for the use and benefit of the church aforesaid, and to keep their books, accounts, and records; and who shall give such security for the faithful performance of the duties assigned to him as may from time to time be deemed sufficient by said board of trustees.

SECTION 6. The said Trustees hereby incorporated shall be bound

to conform to any instructions that may be given to them by the said Convention, touching the management of said funds and property and the disposition of the income thereof: *Provided*, such instructions shall be in writing, and shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

APPROVED, March 1, 1848.

APPENDIX F.

REPORTS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONARIES.

APPENDIX F—1.

Christ Church, Green Bay.—The Rev. Wm. Hommann, Rector.

Families connected with the Parish,	-	-	-	34
Individuals, " " " " Adults 88, Children 57.	145			
Infant Baptisms,	-	-	-	12
Adult do	-	-	-	1
Confirmations,	-	-	-	4
Communicants: Added 6, Died 2, Removed 4, Present No.	32			
Marriages,	-	-	-	5
Burials,	-	-	-	4
Public Common Prayer: Sundays, 92; Other days, 45;	137			
Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	6
Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	32

The children are catechized every Sunday in the school which is superintended by the Rector; and on the afternoon of Communion Sundays, at the Chancel.

Offerings of the Parish, - - - - \$102,81.

These Offerings were made for the following objects, viz:—Episcopal Fund, \$11,54. Diocesan Missions, \$20,00. Foreign Missions, \$3,00. Convention Fund, \$7,12½. Parochial objects, \$61,15.

In addition to the above, I am happy to say, that the prospects of the Church in Green Bay are gradually improving. The Parish has been for the past two years entirely self-supporting and has shown a disposition year by year to do more for their Minister's maintenance and comfort. Their obligations are discharged with commendable promptness and punctuality. The Congregation maintain the reputation they have ever had for great kindness to their Rector. The Parochial Offerings it is believed are in proportion to the means of the people; and it will be the Rector's endeavour to urge upon his flock an increase in their benefactions as their circumstances improve. That there may be among us an increased manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit is our "hearts desire and prayer to God."

W. HOMMANN.

APPENDIX F—2.

St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.—The Rev. B. Akerly, Rector.

MILWAUKEE, June 23, 1848.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Father :—I respectfully report the following statistics of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee for the year ending, June 23, 1848:

Families connected with the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	103
Individuals	"	"	"	"	"	489
Infant Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	31
Adult	"	-	-	-	-	1
Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	15
Communicants :—Died, 3 ; Removed, 13 ; Present No.	-	-	-	-	-	124
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	6
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	19
Offerings of the Parish,	-	-	-	-	-	\$228,95

These Offerings were made for the following objects, viz :—Convention Fund, \$29,00. Sufferers by the Propeller Phoenix, \$54,17. Diocesan Mission, \$20,00. Episcopal Fund, \$37,43. Parish poor, \$88,35.

Sunday School Teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	11
" " Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	124

The afternoon of every Sunday is devoted to public Catechetical instruction. The Evening Common Prayer is read by the Rector, after which the classes are instructed by their respective teachers, each class having the same lesson ; then follows a Hymn, after which the Rector calls upon the whole school to recite the same lesson to him, he making such explanations as he deems necessary for its elucidation, and to impress it upon the minds of the children.

Your son in Christ,

BENJAMIN AKERLY.

APPENDIX F—3.

Hobart Church, Oneida Indians.—The Rev. F. R. Haff, Rector and Missionary.

DUCK CREEK, June 6. 1848.

The Missionary at this station assumed the sole charge of the Mission, on the 1st of April last. For the year previous, he had supplied the place of the Rev. S. Davis, the former Missionary, who was necessarily absent from the Mission on account of ill health.

The number of Baptisms since last report, is, Infants, 25, Adults 1. Total 26.

The number of Confirmations,	-	-	-	-	-	17
Number of Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	10

The number of Communicants found upon the Register, on the 1st of April, was 152. Since then, 1 has been received from another

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Parish; 7 new ones have been added; and 3 have died,—making the present number 157.

There has been but one Contribution out of the parish, to the Episcopal Fund—amounting to \$27,28.

The condition of the parish is prosperous, and the Church has a strong hold upon the affections of the people.

F. R. Haff, Missionary.

APPENDIX F—4.

St. Paul's Church, Beloit, Rock Co.—The Rev. S. C. Millett, Rector.

Infants Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

Children catechised every Sunday by the Rector, in the S. School. Number of scholars, 25. A corner stone has been laid for a new Church, and it is hoped that the Congregation, will, in the course of a few years, behold a beautiful and commodious edifice, as the reward of their efforts. Much patience and great effort are necessary to accomplish the object, as our numbers are few, and feeble in point of means.

STEPHEN C. MILLETT.

APPENDIX F—5.

St. Alban's Church, Lisbon, Waukesha Co.—The Rev. W. C. Armstrong, Minister.

To the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Father:—Since my last report made to you at the opening of the Primary Convention of the Diocese, there have been,

Baptisms, Infants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
“ removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Collections, Episcopal Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10,11
“ Convention Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,50
“ Parish purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,00
Total Collection,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,61

The Parish Library numbers 50 volumes.

The Sunday School Library 100 volumes.

A Parsonage is now in course of erection.

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In connection with St. Alban's Parish, I have a congregation of 10 or 12 Irish Families, living in Washington County, on the Fond du Lac and Milwaukee road. At their earnest request, I commenced officiating among them, on the fifth Sunday in Lent, and have held service in a private house, once a fortnight, in the afternoon.—There are between 40 and 50 persons, of which number 10, if not more, are Communicants. On Easter Sunday, the SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM was administered to 10 children, which number is included in the above Statistical Report. The people are anxious to erect a Church edifice, but are unable so to do at present. Had they a suitable building, it would be filled with attentive worshippers on every occasion of Divine Service. They exhibit much attachment to the Doctrines and ordinances of our HOLY CHURCH.

While journeying from the lower portion of the County, during the last summer, I was called upon, in the absence of the Missionary at Ottawa, to perform the Burial Service over a child, which ministerial act is included in the number of Burials in the foregoing Statistical Report.

The HOLY COMMUNION has been administered three times in St. Alban's Church: by the Bishop *twice*, and by the Rev. F. R. Hall, *once*; the undersigned being in Deacons' Orders.

The members of this parish are steadfast in their adherence to the Church, and are exercising an influence highly beneficial to the sects around them, by their untiring endeavours to advance the KINGDOM OF CHRIST, and the peace and harmony which dwell amongst them.

Last fall the choir of this Parish were presented, by the Sunday Schools of St. Peter's Church Philadelphia, with a beautifully finished and sweet toned eight Keyed Flute, as an accompaniment in singing the praises of God.

All of which is respectfully submitted by
Your Son in Christ,
WM. C. ARMSTRONG, *Deacon*.

APPENDIX F.—6.

St. Luke's Church, Racine.—The Rev. Samuel Marks, Rector.

June 14th, 1848.

The time has again arrived for another report from me as a Parish minister. Glad would I be, could I give a better account of myself and of my parish, than I shall. My first report details, as nearly as I could ascertain, the state of the Church here when I came. As I stated then, so I have still to declare, that the number of the Church proper, is small. It would give me pleasure, were it in my power, to gladden the heart of my Bishop and the friends of Jesus, with accounts of precious souls born to God, but alas! alas!

society is so unsettled, and immersed in the affairs of this life, that it is almost impossible to get the ear of the multitude long enough to tell them the story of Jesus and his sufferings. Of the size of the congregation, I have no cause to complain—my grief is founded on its want of fixedness of character, for, with a number of honorable exceptions, the greater part of my hearers are new every Sunday.

One of the drawbacks to the growth of this parish, is, I am sorry to say it, a debt which hangs over it. The lots were given, and the state of the community seemed to warrant the size of the house built; but in this instance, as in too many others before it, pay day came, and they were minus one thousand dollars. Here we stand, with this debt staring us in the face, and the incidental expenses of the Church to meet, how then can we be otherwise than in a drooping and languishing condition? Was this difficulty but obviated, I think that with faithful preaching and the smiles of God, this would be a desirable parish—as it is, I am not sanguine. Justice to myself as its pastor, requires this statement. God be thanked, that there are souls here, who sustain the Church upon true gospel principles—they feel that they are sinners and need redemption—that the Church is a divine institution, and the ministry an order of men set apart by the Son of God, for the inculcation of certain doctrines, and the preparing of men for a higher and holier state of being than the present, they therefore, upon these principles, lose sight of the instrument, and do what they do, for the sake of Jesus and his cause—these principles persevered in will ultimately redeem the Church.

In October last, I attended as a delegate of the Church, the General Convention held in New York. I have preached twice on each Sunday, attended the Sunday School—catechised and often preached to the children. During the winter, services were given on Wednesday night. The season of Lent was observed, but not with that zeal I should expect from persons interested in the cause of the Church.

Baptisms—one adult and six children: Buried—six; Married—3 couples; Communicants—38, 8 have left us for other places, and 1 deceased. The Sunday School is small but faithfully served.

Money collected—

Ten Dollars for Domestic Missions,

Eighteen for Diocesan purposes,

Thirty-two for Window curtains for the Church,

Seven for S. S. Books,

Two hundred and thirty towards liquidating Church debt.

I have endeavored to be faithful. Great patience and strong reliance upon the promises of our good and gracious God, are needed in these new Western parishes. May the Lord help the Pastors to remember the precious promises recorded by St. Luke: "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. Verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them." If we can

but content ourselves to suffer with the Master here, we shall be glorified with him hereafter.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL MARKS,
 Missionary, St. Luke's Ch., Racine.

APPENDIX F.—7.

St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.—Rev. S. K. Miller, Rector.

Rt. Rev. Father in God :

Since the Primary Convention of last year, I have performed Divine Service in the Parish 110 times, have preached therein 100 times, 12 times in other places : have solemnized two marriages, buried 5 persons, baptized 5 infants, and administered the Lord's Supper, 12 times. There have been 5 confirmed during that time, three of whom have become Communicants. St. Matthias' Parish was organized in 1844, and contains at the present time, 27 Communicants. The number of families is 13—individuals in families 50—individuals not therein included, belonging to the Church, 5.

In addition to these statistics, I would state that the Parish owns a Church building, affording seats for 120 persons, and a small organ or seraphine ; but appears to have no legal title to the lot whereon said edifice is built, and is besides embarrassed with a debt of long standing, of 120 dollars.

SAMUEL K. MILLER.

APPENDIX F.—8.

Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake, and St. Olof's Church, Ashipun.

Since the 23d day of June 1847, being the date of my last annual report, and until the 2d day of April, when with the knowledge and permission of the Bishop, I resigned the rectorship of these Parishes and also ceased to officiate as Missionary at the other stations in connection with the Scandinavian Mission, I have administered the

Sacrament of Holy Baptism to Infants,	24
Burials,	15
Marriages solemnized,	4
Confirmations,	11
Officiated in services,	64
Sermons in the parishes,	43
Sermons elsewhere,	19
Holy Communion administered in public,	19
Holy Communion to sick,	3
The number of Communicants when I left the spiritual charge of the Parishes	175
Population,	288

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Number of families,	-	-	-	-	60
Number of individuals,	-	-	-	-	20

The parishes being vacant until the ordination of Mr. M. Sorenson, Rector elect, I refer to the report of Wardens and Vestry for particulars since the time of my resignation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. UNONIUS.

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. :

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :—Since the resignation of Rev. G. Unonius on the 2d of April last to whose report we refer, the Parishes have, with your approbation and kind assistance, been able to elect Mr. M. F. Sorenson, candidate for Holy Orders at Nashotah, to become their pastor after his ordination, the 25th of this month. Mr. Sorenson has, since the departure of Rev. G. Unonius, had divine service and lay reading, 4 times in each Parish, and read the burial service over one child.

Rev. J. Johnstone, M. D. has baptized one child, and administered the Holy Communion once to a sick person, and Rev. J. L. Breck married one couple.

The Church building, (frame) at St. Olof's is in progress, and is expected to be completed this summer, and at Pine Lake, the Log Church, once begun, is also expected to be so far completed in a month or two, that it can be used for divine service.

Delegates for the Diocesan Convention were elected at the Annual election of Parish officers on Easter Monday, but as they have no clergyman to go with them, and Janesville is so far off, we do not expect that the Parishes will be represented in the Convention this year.

We remain, Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir,
Respectfully yours,

ERICK HELGESON,
Senior Warden of St. Olof's.

CHRISTON CHRISTOPHRSEN.
Junior Warden of St. Olof's.

J. G. GASMAN,
Church Warden of the Scandinavian Parish.

GREGORIUS TAFTE,
Pine Lake Vestryman.

ST. OLOF'S PARISH, ASHIPUN, AND THE }
SCANDINAVIAN PARISH, PINE LAKE, }
WISCONSIN, June 10, 1848.

APPENDIX F—9.

Trinity Church, Janesville.—The Rev. T. J. Ruger, Rector.

To the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. Bishop.

Report of the Parish of Trinity Church Janesville, in the county of Rock, for the year ending the 13th of June, 1848.

Baptisms:—Adults 2. Infants 7. Total 9. Confirmations:—None have been confirmed the past year. A number however are looking forward to receive the holy rite during the Bishop's stay with us at the approaching Convention.

Communicants:—Added, new 4; by removal 8; Total 12; Lost, by removal 3; by death 1: Total 4. Present number 38.

Marriages 5; Burials 9. Public Services:—On Sundays 125.—On other days 10. Total 135. There have been collected in this Parish the following sums; for the Episcopal Fund, \$10,00. For the Convention Fund, \$10,00. For Missionary purposes, \$10,00.—For Church Edifice \$2700,00.

Having given the statistics of this Parish for the past Ecclesiastical year, it may be proper to annex some facts in early history of this Parish, as they have not been given to the Church in this Diocese.

Trinity Church was organized by the present Rector, in September 4, 1844. There were at that time but six communicants. Since then there have been baptized, Adults 5, infants 35. Total 30.—Confirmed, 11. Added to Communion, 38.

THOMAS J. RUGER.

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Trinity Church, Mineral Point.—The Rev. Ebenezer Williams, Rector.

This Parish was occupied, about eight years ago, by the Rev. Mr. Eaton; received Missionary aid for the period of *five months*. At that time the Parishioners made great efforts to erect a church building, the walls of which were raised to the height of 8 to 10 feet; the Minister became disheartened and left this portion of the Vineyard; all exertions were abandoned and the Parish continued vacant over five years.

I came here in August 1845—found most of the former congregation scattered, divided and attached to the different denominations of the place. Still, a few strongly adhering with much zeal and credit to the "Old Paths," and now test their attachment.

A neat Gothic Edifice is erected, which can be surpassed by none in the West, and will be ready for Consecration in a few weeks: it contains 46 pews, 43 of which are already rented, and several more could be.

We are now organized according to law, and the Church owns five Lots; two were presented by the Hon. Moses M. Strong;

one by the late Gen. Burnett, and two, are secured to the Church, by the indefatigable exertions of one of the Vestry.

At the convening of the Primary Convention of this State, I was absent in England endeavouring to collect money to aid the few Episcopalians of this place, in their great and good undertaking.—The famine of Ireland, and different parts of England and Wales, defeated my object almost entirely. I was at great personal expence, (£175) which was furnished me by my relatives, and which has not been charged to the Parish. Toiling at best—at but a very small salary—during my absence, my Missionary stipend was withheld—and receiving no salary, otherwise, for a long time, has left my means inadequate to meet the demands of an economical house-keeping.

Having held our Services in the Court House, under many and great discouragements, we cannot ascertain the true number of Episcopalians. Let it suffice, however, that circumstances lately occurred, which prove to me, that my people, with but few exceptions, do appreciate the services which they have enjoyed; and though most of them are deprived of this world's goods, still, they are anxious that of the little they possess I should have a portion.

Our Sunday School is large and encouraging, superintended by the Rector, and efficient Teachers. Several Weddings and Baptisms, have been performed; many Communicants have been added; the Holy Eucharist, is, as nearly as circumstances will permit, administered monthly. Several collections have been taken up for various objects—all of which may be found in our Report to the Board of Missions.

The following are the Statistics of this Parish, since Nov., 1847:

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Administration of the Holy Eucharist,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants, added,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
do removed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
do present number,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37

May all our works begun, continue and end in the glory of God.

EBENEZER WILLIAMS, Rector.

Trinity Church. Mineral Point.

JUNE, 1848.

To the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper.

APPENDIX F—11.

St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes.—Rev. J. L. Breck, Rector.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin:

On Easter Monday of this year, I again received a call to the Rectorship of St. Sylvanus' Parish, and have accepted it.

During the interval of the last Convention and Easter Monday, the stated services of the Church were celebrated for this Parish, and the HOLY EUCHARIST, administered weekly, as well as on the Festivals, by the Rt. Rev. Father in God, *Jackson Kemper, D. D.*, and various of the Clergy.

Since Easter Monday I have preached ten times; also, the Rev. Wm. Adams has statedly assisted me in the Services, as well as by preaching.

During the past year I have Baptized 13 Infants, Married three couple, and Buried 10 persons. The Alms of the Parish have been as follows: for charitable purposes, \$7,98. To the Episcopal Fund, \$6,25; and to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, of Philadelphia, \$3,59. All of which is respectfully submitted by

JAMES LLOYD BRECK.

Rector of St. Sylvanus' Parish.

NASHOTAH LAKES, WIS., June 12, 1848.

APPENDIX F—12.

Trinity Church, Milwaukee.—The Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Rector.

MILWAUKEE, June 12, 1848.

Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Sir:—Since my report of last year, there have been in this Parish,

Baptisms:—Adults 6; Infants 25; Total,	31
Confirmed,	5
Marriages,	1
Burials,	7
Number of Communicants at present; Males 11; Females	21
Total	32
Number of Communicants increased from last year,	8
“ “ lost by removal,	3
“ of families at present,	42
“ “ increased from last year,	8
“ “ lost by removal,	2
Number of individuals at present in the Parish,	177
“ “ increased from last year,	49
“ “ lost by removal,	10
Present number of Sunday Scholars,	68
“ “ Teachers,	8
Communion offerings during the year, (6 Sundays.)	\$11,63
Weekly offerings,	\$60,00

Within the past year the parish has built a small Gothic Church, which is now occupied. The size of the Church is 56 feet in length (including the Chancel,) and 22 feet in width. The whole cost of the building, with its furniture, such as Pews &c., together with the Lot on which it now stands, is about \$1500,

Very Respectfully,

J. P. T. INGRAHAM, Rector.

APPENDIX F—13.

Grace Church, Sheboygan.—The Rev. L. Wilson Davis, Minister.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Offerings for Diocesan purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,00
“ “ Parochial purposes.	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,00

The Holy Communion has been administered but once during the year. On the day of Our Lord's Nativity, Divine Service was held for the first time in a new Church Edifice, built by the voluntary contributions of the Parish. On the 12th of February, the same was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., to the solemn worship of Almighty God.

Cost of Building, \$500. Carpets, Window Curtains, Desk trimming, &c., \$100. Lot given by Mr. Daniel Whitney of Green Bay, valued at \$150.

Very Respectfully,

L. WILSON DAVIS.

APPENDIX F—14.

St. John's Church, Milwaukee.—The Rev. D. Keene, Rector.

*Rt. Rev. Father :—*Since my last report, there have been in St. John's Parish,

Infant Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Confirmed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

On December 21, 1847, our Church Building was Consecrated to the Service of Almighty God.

I have the pleasure to state that our prospects are more than encouraging. The congregation is rapidly increasing, and the members of the same manifest, from day to day, an increased interest in our Holy Church. The Building is now completely finished, and free from indebtedness.

The following is a Statistical view of the present condition of the Parish:

Number of Families,	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
“ “ Individuals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
“ “ Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
“ “ Sunday School Scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
“ “ Teachers in the same,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
“ “ Volumes in the S. School Library,	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
“ “ “ “ Parish Library,	-	-	-	-	-	-	60

Offerings since June 1847, to the present date, being contributions at each service, - - - - - \$100,00

Your obedient son in Christ,

MILWAUKEE, June 13th, 1848.

DAVID KEENE.

APPENDIX F—15.

*Christ Church, Fox Lake.—St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.
St. Paul's Church, Watertown.—The Rev. M. Hoyt, Missionary.*

*Right Rev. and Dear Sir:—*The following report of duties performed since the last Diocesan Convention, is respectfully submitted.

Number of times officiated,	-	-	-	-	156
Miles travelled,	-	-	-	-	3500
Infant Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	1
Burials,	-	-	-	-	15
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants, Christ Church, Fox Lake,	-	-	-	-	3
“ St. Luke's Church, Whitewater,	-	-	-	-	7
“ St. Paul's Church, Watertown,	-	-	-	-	24

Yours Affectionately,

MELANCTHON HOYT.

Missionary, officiating in the Counties of Walworth, Jefferson, Dodge and Marquette.

To the Rt. Rev. J. Kemper, D. D.

APPENDIX F—16.

St. James' Church, Manitowoc.—The Rev. G. Unonius, Rector.

This Parish was organized the 28th of February this year, before which time the place had been visited a few times by Rev. W. Hommann of Green Bay, and by the Itinerant Missionary of the Diocese.

On the aforesaid day of organization the present Rector was elected to the Rectorship. He entered upon his duties on the 20th day of April.

Besides the Town of Manitowoc, the Parish includes within its bounds another station and village, called Manitowoc-Rapids, situated two miles and a half from the mouth of the river. Each of these places has a population of about 200 to 300 inhabitants.

Various parochial duties have prevented the Rector from completing the Parish Register so far as it ought to comprise those families and individuals who, although not members of the Church, have connected themselves with the Parish.

There are at present but six Families and, seven Individuals who are in communion with the Church. The number of Communicants is sixteen.

Of other families there are about 11, and of individuals 14 who attend the services of the Church.

The *Ministerial Acts* performed since the organization of the Parish are:

Infant Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Holy Communion administered,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Services,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Sermons,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Lecture,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Two Sunday Schools have been established, one at Manitowoc, attended by 35 Scholars; the other at the Rapids attended by 14.—Sunday School Teachers, 10.

There is of course no Church edifice yet erected, nor any commenced, the Parish being too small for such an attempt. The services performed every Sunday at both places, are at Manitowoc held in the house occupied by the Rector, the upper room of which, being tolerably spacious, has been arranged so as to serve for a Chapel.—

In respect to the prospects for the Church at this place I can of course, having so lately entered into this new field, say but very little. The few families and individuals connected with the Church have proved themselves greatly attached to the same. According to their circumstances they have subscribed liberally for the support of their Rector. The election of him, being a foreigner, and as such very deficient in the knowledge of English language, show, that for the benefit of having the services of the Church and her Sacraments administered among them, they are willing to bear with the deficiencies of their Minister.

There are a few Norwegians at this place, for whom, once a month Divine Service is performed in their own language. Some individuals of the German Lutheran population have also expressed their sentiments in favour of an union with our Parish.

This place is quite new, and is situated in a lumbering county, where the people generally do not take much interest in religious concerns. For a long time there had been no religious services whatever, nor any schools. At present the Church is here alone in the field, and in some respects the first. One or two denominations have attempted to organize Parishes but have failed. Among the members of these Societies I have been pleased to find many very regular attendants on the Services of our Church; and generally from the people I have met with nothing else but kindness and attention. There are of course a great many things, which I wish to God were otherwise. I have to bear with much prejudice; cares of this world and indifference have no doubt made many hearts remote from their God, and do retard the influence of the Gospel. But taking into consideration the difficulties in which the people have been placed, we cannot expect it to be otherwise. I am the last to entertain any sanguine hope of success, which many circumstances at present make rather doubtful; nevertheless, the Prayer Book of the Church being, as I know it is, not only in the hands of the people, but also in use among them, joined with fervent prayers will, I trust, prove effectual for the salvation of their souls.

MANITOWOC, June 8, 1848.

G. UNONIUS.

APPENDIX F.—17.

Our Saviour's Church, Ashipun River.—All Saints' Church, Johnson's Mills, Warren, Waukesha Co.—Rev. John Johnstone, M. D., Missionary.

Nashotah Lakes, 12th June, 1848.

The Right Reverend Jackson Kemper, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin,

Rt. Rev. Father :—I hereby respectfully present the following report of ministerial duties performed by me during the past year. It has been my happiness to witness in many places, the gradual growth of the Church, and in not a few instances, a goodly degree of zeal, manifested by a firm attachment to the doctrines, discipline and worship of our apostolic Church, and some, I trust, from a constant, regular, and devout attention to the Liturgy, so admirably adapted to impart to the souls of true worshippers, heavenly affections,—have been awakened to the things which belong to their eternal peace.

On the 19th of last August, it was deemed advisable to organize a Parish at Ashipun River, Dodge County, which was accordingly done by electing Wardens and Vestrymen, under the title of "*Our Saviour's Church Parish*." No Church edifice has yet been erected; but with a becoming zeal, the parishioners intend without delay to build, having set apart an acre and a half of ground, for that purpose, and for a burying yard, part being a gift, and part purchased. In the mean time, I celebrate Divine Service regularly, every other Sunday in a neighbouring School-house. The Congregation continues to increase. I on Easter Sunday, administered the Holy Communion to ten communicants, all belonging to the Parish. Since organizing, the number of baptisms has been nine. Three persons are preparing for the same Holy Sacrament, and three are desirous to be confirmed. The parents send their children to receive Sunday School instruction on every Lord's Day; number of scholars twenty. Number of families belonging to the Parish, eighteen.

At *Hustisford*, and *Rosman's Mills*, in the same county, are to be found members of our Church, the first of which places, I visited this Spring, and officiated in a large room at the Tavern, which was well filled. This is a growing village. I was afterwards told that this was the first religious meeting of any kind, which had as yet been held in the place: they requested me to visit them again.

I continue to hold Divine Service, every other Sunday at *Water-ville*. The great seriousness and devotion on the part of many who compose this congregation, and their desire to comply with the sacred ordinances of our holy religion, is peculiarly gratifying. Here are five communicants. Two adults are at present preparing for the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, and one Infant has been baptized.—Part of this congregation is composed of the settlers from the vi-

city of *Golden Lake* who I met once a month, on a week day, at their homes. Here a goodly number always assemble and join with ever increasing delight in the prescribed services of our beloved Church. On these occasions it is my custom to lecture to them on some practical duty, as, amidst temporal concerns, they ought always to consider their spiritual affairs as the most important.

On Monday, Nov. 1st, 1847, being the Festival of All Saints, a Parish was organized at *Johnson's Mills*, by the election of Wardens and Vestrymen, under the name of "*All Saints' Church, Parish.*"—Here, also, I officiate statedly, once every other Sunday, with what success, it is impossible for me to say. Those who reside here are, for the most part, English dissenters and Unitarians, and many of them very ignorant and very much prejudiced against the Church.—I have often-times endeavoured solemnly to impress upon their minds, that they ought to live for another world, and not have too great a fondness for earthly things; and, I trust, that such teaching has been of some service in directing them to devote themselves entirely to God their Saviour, and to embrace the Faith once delivered to the Saints. I have Baptized one Infant, since the organization of the Parish, and at my next appointment expect to administer that Holy Sacrament to three more. This congregation have fully determined to build a small Church after Harvest.

Other Services have been performed at *Jenkinsville*, and in the vicinity of *Mequanago*, which places I have visited several times during the past winter. Very large congregations have always assembled. Three children I have Baptized.

In the *Parish of St. Olof's*, I administered the Holy Eucharist to a sick member, and in this Parish I also Baptized one Infant.

My Ministerial acts during the year, have been as follows:

Baptisms, Infants	-	-	-	-	-	14
" Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	4
Holy Communion administered, number of times,	-	-	-	-	-	14
Sermons preached,	-	-	-	-	-	105
Other Services when I did not preach,	-	-	-	-	-	54

JOHN JOHNSTONE, M. D.

Missionary at Nashotah, in charge of the within mentioned Parishes and Stations:

APPENDIX F—18.

The Rev. Wm. Adams, Professor of Theology at Nashotah.

JANESVILLE, June 15, 1848.

I have to report to Bishop Kemper, that for the last year, I have been constantly employed in Theological teaching.

I would also say, that I have preached or officiated twice every Sunday, in one place or the other, and have also performed some

Baptisms and Burials, which I have entered in the Records of the Parishes where I performed them.

I remain with much respect, your Son in Christ and the Church.

WILLIAM ADAMS.

Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop Elect of Wisconsin.

APPENDIX F—19.

Columbus, Beaver Dam, &c.—The Rev. G. R. Bartlett, Missionary.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper,

Rt. Rev. Sir:—Since the meeting of the last Convention, I have preached 77 times, viz: at Waukesha 3; Nashotah Mission 1; Delavan 6; Elk Horn 3; Sugar Creek Prairie 1; Milwaukee 1; Lisbon 2; Janesville 5; Fulton 4; Windsor 1; Columbus 24; Watertown 5; Beaver Dam 6; Hartford 2; Fox Lake 5; White-water 2; Green Lake 6. Baptisms, (Infants,) 4. Burials, 4.

Since Dec. last, I have officiated mostly at *Columbus*. In connection with that station, I have lately taken *Beaver Dam, Fox Lake and Green Lake*. At the three first named places, I officiate once in two, at the last, once in three weeks. The number of Communicants at Columbus is two; at Beaver Dam about 9. I have not ascertained the number at the other places. The services of the Church, at these places, are generall well attended, and could Public Worship be sustained among them for a year or two, there is good reasons to believe that the Church would be firmly established in those parts.

Respectfully,

GEORGE R. BARTLETT.

APPENDIX G.—ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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APPENDIX G.—Abstract of Parochial Reports.

PARISHES.	Families.	Individuals.	Communi- cants.			Confirmed.	Baptisms.				S. School.			Offerings.						
			Died.	Removed.	Present no.		Adults.	Infants.	Not spec'd.	Total.	Marriages.	Burials.	Teachers.	S. S. Library.	Parish Library.	Episcopal Fund.	Convention Fund.	Missionary Purposes.	Parish Purposes.	
Christ Church, Green Bay.....	34	145	2	4	32	4	1	12	13	5	4	6	32	305	372	\$11 54	\$7 12	\$23 00	\$61 15	
St Paul's Church, Milwaukee.....	103	459	3	13	124	15	1	31	32	6	19	11	124	305	372	37 43	59 00	90 00	142 52	
Robert Church, Duck Creek.....	800	3	157	17	1	35	10	90	36	10	10	10	10	10	10	37 28	100 00	100 00	100 00	
*St Matthew's Church, Southport.....	300	1	130	35	25	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
St Paul's Church, Beloit.....	119	130	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
St John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
St Luke's Church, Whitewater.....	134	160	3	57	6	34	3	2	15	100	30	10	11	3	50	10 11	3 50	10 00	5 00	
St Alban's Church, Lisbon.....	13	55	1	8	34	1	6	3	6	7	3	6	5	2	5	2 30	5 00	4 50	8 00	
St Matthias' Church, Racine.....	13	55	1	8	34	1	6	3	6	7	3	6	5	2	5	2 30	5 00	4 50	8 00	
St Luke's Church, Waukesha.....	60	988	1	175	11	94	4	16	94	4	16	9	19	104	10 00	10 00	10 00	5700 00		
Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake, } Trinity Church, Ashpurn.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Trinity Church, Janesville.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Trinity Church, Mineral Point.....	18	80	1	9	37	50	1	1	12	12	2	4	19	104	10 00	10 00	10 00	5700 00		
Grace Church, Madison.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Christ Church, Fox Lake.....	188	400	1	3	205	13	3	10	13	3	10	18	150	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	11 57	
St Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes.....	6	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Zion Church, Oconomowoc.....	42	177	3	32	5	6	25	31	1	7	8	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
St George's Church, North Prairie.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Trinity Church, Milwaukee.....	40	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Trinity Church, Sheboygan.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Trinity Church, Johnson.....	18	80	1	9	37	50	1	1	12	12	2	4	19	104	10 00	10 00	10 00	5700 00		
St John's Church, Milwaukee.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
St Paul's Church, Watertown.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Our Saviour's Church, Ashpurn River.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
All Saint's Church, Warren, Wauk. Co.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
St James' Church, Manitowoc.....	6	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Christ Church, Delavan.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
George E. Bartlett, Missionary.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
J. Johnstone, M. D., Missionary.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	481	2944	10	36	1184	66	12	304	33	949	46	139	63	567	615	362	\$104 91	\$73 62	\$67 50	\$5472 87

*No Report having been furnished by this Parish, the statistics of last year are given. †Furnished from last year's report.

J. ALBERT HELFENSTEIN, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

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1848.

June 14/

1848.	To Balance in the hands of Treasurer, -	371 18
June 24	By Balance of Cash on hand, -	\$53 98
" "	" Amount loaned on interest, -	70 00
Dec 27	" Amount rec'd for 40 Acres Land, -	95 00
" 29	" from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, -	16 57
1848.	" " St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah, -	6 35
Jan. 15	" " Christ Church, Green Bay, -	5 60
Mar 14	" " Hobart Church, Duck Creek, -	27 27
April 4	" " St. Alban's Church, Lisbon, -	6 64
" 26	" " " " " " -	3 47
	" " Trinity Church, Janesville, -	5 00
May 8	" " St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, -	20 86
" 9	" " Christ Church, Green Bay, -	6 04
" 22	" " Grace Church, Madison, -	5 50
" "	" " St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha, -	2 30
" 25	" " St. Sylvanus Church, Nashotah, -	2 40
	" " Trinity Church, Janesville, -	5 00
	Interest received on the above, -	40 00
		371 18

Willwaukee, June 14th, 1848.

APPENDIX K.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Clerical Members.

The Rev. Benjamin Akerly, *President*, Milwaukee.

The Rev. Thomas J. Ruger, Janesville.

The Rev. Samuel Marks, Racine.

The Rev. David Keene, *Secretary*, Milwaukee.

Lay Members.

Allen W. Hatch, Milwaukee.

J. B. Doe, Janesville.

J. R. Phelps, Southport.

Cyrus Hawley, Milwaukee.

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Rev. F. W. Hatch, Southport.

The Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Milwaukee.

Isaac J. Ullman, Racine.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Clerical Delegates.

The Rev. Benjamin Akerly, Milwaukee.

The Rev. Stephen McHugh, Delavan.

The Rev. Stephen C. Millett, Beloit.

The Rev. J. Loyd Breck, Nashotah.

Lay Delegates.

J. A. Helfenstein, Milwaukee.

J. B. Doe, Janesville.

A. Hyatt Smith, Janesville.

Allen W. Hatch, Milwaukee.

SUPPLEMENTARY DELEGATES.

Clerical.

The Rev. Ebenezer Williams, Mineral Point.

The Rev. Samuel K. Miller, Waukesha.

The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, Whitewater.

The Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Milwaukee.

Lay.

Benjamin H. Edgerton, Milwaukee.

Henry T. Woodward, Beloit.

Daniel Bread, (Te-ga-wi-a-te-ren.) Oneida Nation.

William Lupton, Elkhorn.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Bishop, together with the Standing Committee, constitute the Board of Missions.

STATED COLLECTIONS.

Diocesan Missions. Collections to be made *Quarterly*.

Convention Fund. Collections to be made *Annually*.

The above collections are to be forwarded to the TREASURER OF CONVENTION.

Episcopal Fund. Collections to be made on *Christmas Day and Easter Sunday*, and forwarded to the *Treasurer of the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."*

AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The following proposed Amendments of the Constitution of this Diocese, have been approved of by the Convention of 1848, and lie over to the next Annual Convention, for final action thereupon.

Article III. Sec. 2. Every Clergyman, canonically connected with this Diocese, and not being under ecclesiastical censure, and having resided in the diocese nine months, shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention.

Article VII. Sec. 2. The said Presbyters must be canonically connected with this Diocese.

Article VIII. Sec. 2. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters canonically connected with this Diocese.

Artical XIII. Sec. 1. All real estate granted, personal property or monies given or bequeathed, to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, for any specified object, shall forever be and remain inviolably appropriated to such specified object, and shall not by authority of the Convention, or any other power, be diverted from such specified object, or employed by the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," in any commercial business whatever.

Sec. 2. This Article shall in no case be altered or amended, ex-

APPENDIX H.

J. A. HELPFENSTEIN, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church
Dr. in Wisconsin. Cr.

Balance due Treasurer, at last settlement,	\$29.66	By amount rec'd from St. Paul's Ch. Milwaukee,	\$20.00
Amount paid Rev. S. K. Miller,	6.00	" " Christ's Church, Green Bay,	10.00
Balance in hand,	34	" " Christ's Ch., G. Bay, for Rev. S. K. Miller,	6.00
Milwaukee, June 14th, 1848.	\$36.00		\$36.00

APPENDIX I.

J. A. HELPFENSTEIN, Treasurer, in account with the Convention Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

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1847.	1847.	By am't rec'd from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee,	\$29.00
Oct. 15	\$73.94	" " St. Matthew's Ch., Southport,	20.00
Oct. 19	23.10	" " Christ Church, Green Bay,	10.04
	9.94	" " Trinity Church, Milwaukee,	1.58
	4.87	" " St. John's Church, "	3.12
		" " St. Sylvanus' Ch., Nashotah,	2.50
		" " St. Luke's Church, Racine,	18.00
		" " St. Matthias' Ch., Waukeesa,	4.29
		" " Rev. S. Davis,	10.00

APPENDIX J.

J. ALBERT HILFENSTEIN, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

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1848.		1847.		Cr.	
June 14	To Balance in the hands of Treasurer, -	371 11	June 24	By Balance of Cash on hand, -	\$63 98
			" "	" Amount loaned on interest, -	70 00
			Dec 27	" Amount rec'd for 40 Acres Land, -	95 00
			" 29	from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee,	16 57
			1848.	" St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah,	6 25
			Jan. 15	" Christ Church, Green Bay,	5 60
			Mar 14	" Hobart Church, Duck Creek,	27 37
			April 4	" St. Alban's Church, Lisbon,	6 64
			" 26	" " "	3 47
				" Trinity Church, Janesville, -	5 00
				" St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, -	20 86
			May 8	" Christ Church, Green Bay,	6 04
			" 9	" Grace Church, Madison,	5 50
			" 22	" St. Matthews' Church, Waukesha,	2 30
			" "	" St. Sylvanus Church, Nashotah,	2 40
			" 25	" Trinity Church, Janesville, -	5 00
				Interest received on the above,	40 00
		371 11			371 18

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Article XII of this Constitution; and in addition two thirds of each order shall be required to amendment.

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Milwaukee, *President*.

Port,

Milwaukee, *Treasurer*.

**THE CONVENTION OF 1848, OF THE
WISCONSIN, TO THE "TRUSTEES OF
PROPERTY OF THE PROTESTANT
CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.**

Real, personal property or monies given or
lent to the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin for any
purpose shall not, by authority of this Conven-
tion, be diverted from such specified object, or
be used in any commercial business
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testant Church in Wisconsin," in any commercial business

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List of the Clergy,
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- RT. REV. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D.,** Bishop, in charge of the Diocese.
***REV. JAMES ABERCROMBIE,** Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Waukeesa.
REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, Professor of Theology, at Nashotah.
REV. BENJAMIN AKERLY, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.
REV. WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG, B. D., Rector of St. Alban's Church, Lisbon.
***REV. GEORGE R. BARTLETT, B. D.,** Deacon, officiating at Green Lake.
REV. JAMES LLOYD BRECK, President of the Nashotah House, and Rector of
 St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes.
***REV. L. WILSON DAVIS,** Rector of Grace Church, Sheboygan.
REV. SOLOMON DAVIS, residing at Green Bay.
REV. E. A. GREENLEAF, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Southport.
***REV. FRANKLIN R. HAFF, B. D.,** Rector of Hobart Church, Oneida Indians,
 Duck Creek.
REV. FREDERICK W. HATCH, residing at Southport.
REV. WILLIAM HOMMANN, Rector of Christ's Church, Green Bay.
***REV. MELANCTHON HOYT,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Watertown.
REV. DAVID KEENE, B. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Milwaukee.
REV. SAMUEL MARKS.
***REV. SAMUEL K. MILLER,** officiating at Port Washington.
***REV. STEPHEN C. MILLETT,** Rector of St. Paul's Church, Beloit.
***REV. STEPHEN McHUGH,** Rector of Christ's Church, Delavan.
***REV. THOMAS J. RUGER,** Rector of Trinity Church, Janesville.
REV. MARTIN F. SORENSEN, B. D., Rector of the Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake,
 and of St. Olof's Church, Asheppun.
***REV. EBENEZER WILLIAMS,** Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.

Residing within the Diocese:

- REV. AARON HUMPHREY,** Beloit, (of New York.)
REV. ELEAZER WILLIAMS, Green Bay, (of New York.)

Total number of Clergy, 22

***Missionary of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions.**

List of Organized Parishes

OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ORGANIZED.

Christ's Church, Green Bay,	Sept. 16, 1829	Rev. Wm. Hommann,	✓
St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee,	May 23, 1838	" Benjamin Akerly,	✓
Hobart Church, Duck Creek,	Sept. , 1838	" F. R. Haff, B. D.,	✓
St. Matthew's Ch., Southport,	April, 1840	" E. A. Greenleaf,	✓
St. Paul's Church, Beloit,	Feb. 26, 1841	" S. O. Millett,	✓
St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn,	Oct. 1841	Vacant.	
St. Luke's Church, Whitewater,	Mar. 28, 1842	Vacant.	
St. Alban's Church, Lisbon,	Oct. 2, 1842	Rev. W. C. Armstrong, B. D.	✓
St. Luke's Church, Racine,	1842	Vacant.	
St. Matthias' Ch., Waukesha,	Feb. 24, 1844	Rev. Jas. Abercrombie,	✓
Scandinavian Church, Pine Lake,	Mar. 3, 1844	" M. F. Sorensen, B. D.,	✓
Trinity Church, Janesville,	Sept. 4, 1844	" T. J. Ruger,	✓
St. Olof's Church, Asheppun,	Dec. 8, 1844	" M. F. Sorensen, B. D.,	✓
Christ Church, Delavan,	1844	" Stephen McHugh,	✓
Trinity Church, Mineral Point,	Sept. 1845	" Ebenezer Williams,	✓
Grace Church, Madison,	Jan. 1846	Vacant.	
Christ Church, Fox Lake,	Feb. 10, 1846	Vacant.	
St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah,	Feb. 24, 1846	Rev. J. L. Breck,	✓
Zion Church, Oconomowoc,	Aug. 1846	Vacant.	
St. George's Ch., North Prairie,	Nov. 22, 1846	Vacant,	
Trinity Church, Milwaukee,	Jan. 7, 1847	Vacant.	
Grace Church, Sheboygan,	April, 4, 1847	Rev. L. Wilson Davis,	✓
Trinity Church, Johnstown,	April, 1847	Vacant.	
St. John's Church, Milwaukee,	June 7, 1847	Rev. David Keene, B. D.	✓
St. Paul's Church, Watertown,	June 7, 1847	" Melancthon Hoyt,	✓
Our Saviour's Ch., Asheppun,	Aug. 19, 1847	Vacant,	
All Saint's Church, Warren,	Nov. 1, 1847	Vacant.	
St. James' Church, Manitowoc,	Feb. 28, 1848	Vacant.	
Church of the Holy Communion, Bloomfield.		Vacant.	
Emmanuel Church, Port Washington.		Rev. S. K. Miller,	✓

Total number of Parishes organized, 30.

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JANESVILLE, Wednesday, June 13th, 1849.

This being the time and place appointed for holding the Third Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Wisconsin, a number of the Clergy of the Diocese, and Deputies from Parishes canonically entitled to seats, assembled at 10½ o'clock A. M., in Trinity Church, Janesville.

The Convention was opened "with the Public Common Prayer of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon by a Presbyter, appointed by the Bishop."

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, the Rev. David Keene reading the Lessons. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt. The Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Messrs. M. Hoyt, D. Keene, and E. A. Greenleaf.

Divine Service ended, the Convention was called to order.

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop in charge of the Diocese, took the Chair.

The Secretary then proceeded, from a list furnished him by the Bishop, to call the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, when the following answered as

Present.—The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Benjamin Akerly, E. A. Greenleaf, Melancthon Hoyt, David Keene, Samuel K. Miller, Stephen C. Millett, Thomas J. Ruger.

On motion, The Rev. B. Akerly was chosen Secretary.

On motion, The Secretary was permitted to appoint his own Assistant.

Whereupon, the Secretary elected Mr. J. E. Cowles, as his Assistant.

Certificates of Deputies elected to this Convention, were received from the following Parishes:

St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.—Allen W. Hatch, Albert J. Helfenstein, James B. Martin, John W. Medbury.

St. Matthew's Church, Southport.—Benjamin C. Adams, F. A. Marshall, Josiah Bond, T. S. Greenwood.

St. Paul's Church, Beloit.—Nathan B. Gaston, Washington Bastian, H. T. Woodward, Jr., Charles Bicknell.

Trinity Church, Janesville.—J. B. Doe, A. Palmer, J. Kimball, E. L. Roberts.

St. John's Church, Milwaukee.—J. E. Cowles, A. M. Weeks, I. U. King.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Deputies, whose Certificates have been presented, are entitled to seats in this Convention.

The names of Deputies having been called, the following answered as

Present.—Allen W. Hatch, Benjamin C. Adams, F. A. Marshall, Josiah Bond, Nathan B. Gaston, Washington Bastian, H. T. Woodward, Jr., Charles Bicknell, J. B. Doe, E. L. Roberts, J. Kimball, E. Cowles.

On motion of A. W. Hatch, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to report the order of business for this Convention.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the Rev. S. K. Miller, and Messrs. A. W. Hatch and N. B. Gaston, said Committee.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 3 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 13th, 3 o'clock.

First day's session resumed.

On motion, "The Rules of Order" of last Convention, were adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Committee on "Order of Business," for this Convention reported:

Your Committee appointed to report the order of business for this Convention respectfully suggest as follows:

1st.—Election of Standing Committee.

" " Delegates to General Convention.

" " Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.

" " Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

- 31.—Unfinished business of the last Convention.
- 32.—Resolutions.
- 4th.—Reports of Clergy and Parishes.
- 5th.—Miscellaneous Business.

Very respectfully,
S. K. MILLER,
Chairman.

The Report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. M. Hoyt, *Resolved*, That the "Elections" be made No. 4, in the "Order of Business."

On motion of Mr. H. T. Woodward, the proposed amendment of Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese, as approved by the Convention of 1848, was taken up for consideration.

The Rev. David Keene gave notice, that in case this proposed amendment was not finally approved, he would then offer a substitute, to meet the case of Clergy suffering under bodily infirmities, or old age.

The question being taken on the final approval of the proposed amendment of Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese:—It was *Lost*.

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop in Charge of the Diocese, read his Annual Address:—

DEAR BRETHREN :

The Consecration of this Church, and the ordination therein to the Priesthood of the Rev. L. Wilson Davis and the Rev. William C. Armstrong, are recorded on the Journal of our last Convention. I remained at Janesville a few days after the adjournment of that body, and on Sunday, 18th June, preached both forenoon and afternoon; and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. E. G. Gear, confirmed four persons.

After my return home, I attended for several days with some of the clergy the examinations of the Theological Students at *Nashotah*, and on Sunday the 25th of June, at the Chapel of that interesting and important Institution, the Candidates, *William A. Leach* and *Martin P. Sorensen* were admitted to *Deacons' Orders*.

The following Sunday, 2d July, I preached twice at *Nashotah*, and administered the Holy Eucharist.

Mr. Leach having expressed a desire to begin his ministry in Iowa, I accompanied him to that State. On our journey, I spent Sunday 9th July at *Janesville*, where I preached twice and administered the apostolic rite of confirmation to three more persons.

At *Milwaukee*, 30th July, in *Trinity Church*, after a sermon, the vows of baptism were renewed by three persons. That afternoon I likewise preached at *St. Paul's Church*.

The 20th of August was spent in company with the Rev. F. W. Hatch at the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Whiting in *Bloomfield* township, *Walworth* county.—We celebrated divine service, an infant was baptized, and we both preached here and at *Geneva*, which is only six miles to the north.

Having been requested to visit *West Bend*, I persuaded my good brother, the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, to accompany me to that and other places. We arrived there the 31st August. I preached that afternoon in the school house, and found two or three individuals attached to the Church, and was assured that there are several *Episcopalians* in the neighbourhood. Mr. Hoyt preached at night. The village

is situated in an important district of country and ought to be occasionally visited.

The 3rd of September, there were two services at *Fond du Lac* and two at *Ta-chee-day*, which is three miles distant. Both Mr. Hoyt and I preached twice. This is a station which requires immediate attention, and is in many respects full of promise. I have every reason to believe that were a zealous Missionary established here, a handsome Church would soon be erected at *Fond du Lac*, for several hundred dollars are already pledged.

Both Mr. Hoyt and I were occupied the following night, for I officiated and preached at *Mayville* and he at *Horicon*. These two places ought to receive the earliest attention.

We intended to hold divine service at *Fox Lake* the evening of 5th September but our appointment did not arrive in time. Passing the next day through *Grassville* and *Tichora* we arrived at *Green Lake*, where we were most kindly received. Here we had a good congregation, and I was enabled to call at the residences of several families that are attached to the Church.

The next day passing through *Kingston* a new village just beginning on the military road, we arrived before sunset at *Winnebago Portage*. Here there are a few members of our Church. Mr. Hoyt read prayers and I preached; and in an early hour the next morning I confirmed a sick lady and baptized her infant son. We then went in search of an English settlement in expectation of finding a number of Church people. We found several families from *Staffordshire*, but they were dissenters. This evening we had divine service and a sermon at *Portage Lake*, which were well attended.

The 9th of September we passed through *Beaver Dam* and arrived at *Columbus* to dinner. Learning that the Rev. Mr. Bartlett had gone to *Watertown* to supply Mr. Hoyt's place in expectation of his remaining here, I separated from my fellow-traveller and went in the stage to fulfil an appointment at *Madison*. At this place I spent Sunday the 10th and preached twice. Mr. Hoyt having arrived in time we had a third service when he preached. You are all aware of the increasing importance of this the capital of the State. Notwithstanding the most discouraging circumstances which have occurred I believe that a devoted clergyman would soon have a flourishing congregation. Mr. Hoyt reported to me the coming from *Columbus* he heard of several English Church families, living near the road, who are anxious to have their children baptized.

On Monday night I preached at *Lake Mills*, a small village twelve miles from *Watertown*, where, and in the vicinity, there are a few Episcopalians.

Sunday the 17th of September was spent at *Nashotah* where I preached twice and administered the Lord's Supper. During the week I attended a meeting of the Standing Committee as a Council of Advice and a Board of Missions—the meetings of the Trustees of the Institution at *Nashotah*—and an examination of Priests' Orders. I felt no hesitation in consenting to advance the Rev. Martin Sorensen in the Ministry in consequence of his peculiar situation. As soon as he was ordained he devoted himself to the Norwegian congregations which had been organized under the Rev. Mr. Unonius, and to whom, being in a great measure ignorant of our language, it was exceedingly desirable that the Holy Communion should be administered in their own tongue. Accordingly, on Sunday the 24th of September, in the chapel at *Nashotah*, the Rev. Messrs. Breck, Adams, and Akerly uniting with me in laying on of hands, I ordained Mr. Sorensen a Priest in the Church of God. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Akerly. On this day five persons openly avouched the Lord to be their God in the solemn rite of Confirmation.

In the course of a few days from that time I commenced a visitation of *Indian* and *Iowa* which occupied me until late in November. The 29th of that month I preached at *Hazel Green* and Confirmed four persons.

Sunday the 3d of December was devoted to *Prairie du Chein*, where I preached twice and administered the Lord's Supper. I had intended to officiate

at Platteville but my letter was not received in time. At *Lancaster*, the night of the 4th of December, I held a service and preached to a considerable congregation which had assembled although the weather was quite stormy. Here, as at almost every village and neighbourhood I have been at in this Diocese, I found some persons who had been brought up in the Church.

At *Mineral Point* three persons were Confirmed. I preached twice in the Church edifice which was sufficiently finished for the celebration of divine service but was not yet prepared for Consecration.

Sunday, the 10th, I was at *Madison*, where I preached twice. May the great Head of the Church soon give this little flock a faithful Pastor!

After remaining a few days at my residence, and uniting as usual with the clergy of *Nashotah* in the solemn services of the Lord's Day, (on the 17th of December I preached twice, and administered the Eucharist,) I started for the North, in fulfilment of a promise, and on my way preached the night of the 22d, at *Watertown*.

The Festival of the Nativity of the Redeemer was spent at *Green Lake*, where the Communion was administered to eight members of the Body of Christ, and two sermons preached.

The night of the 29th I met the Rev. Mr. McHugh at *Elkhorn*, when he read prayers, and I preached.

I again visited *Bloomfield*, in *Walworth County*, and at the residence of Mr. Wm H. Whiting, preached twice, administered the Lord's Supper to six Communicants, and Confirmed one person.

The 7th of January was devoted to *St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee*, in which I preached both morning and night, and during the afternoon examined the children on the Church Catechism. This congregation is large and flourishing, and will soon, I trust, abound in good works to the glory of God and the building up of His Church in this Diocese.

At *Jenkinsville* on Sunday the 14th of January I preached twice, baptized an infant, and administered the Lord's Supper to three Communicants.

The 28th of January was spent at *Waukesha* where I preached and heard the young members of the Church recite the Catechism.

On the 4th of February I was at *St. John's Church, Milwaukee*, where I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached twice. I likewise preached that night at *St. Paul's*.

I celebrated divine service and preached a sermon in the neighbourhood where the Church of our Saviour was organized in *Dodge County*, on Sunday the 18th of February.

On my way to the north I preached Ash Wednesday night, in *St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee*.

Sunday morning the 25th of February was devoted to *Duck Creek* where I preached through the interpreter to the flourishing congregation of *Oneida Indians*. The Lord's Supper was administered, and three persons were Confirmed. That night after a sermon in *Christ's Church, Green Bay*, the solemn vows of baptism were assumed by three candidates for Confirmation.

The next day I accompanied the Rev. Mr. Hommann to *De Pere* and preached there at night.

The 11th of March was to me a day of great delight, for I held Confirmation in the three churches of *Milwaukee* and preached each time. At *Trinity Church* I laid hands on three, at *St. John's* on five, and at *St. Paul's* on eleven persons.

Unable to obtain a Missionary for *Fond du Lac*, I was there again the 18th of March, when I found six Communicants to whom I administered the Holy Eucharist. Both Mr. Bartlett and I preached to large congregations.

The next day I rode over to *Green Lake*, and although the weather was inclement, had a considerable congregation at night.

The rapid thaw at this season rendered the roads almost impassible. I was how

ever enabled to reach *Port Washington* in time, the night of the 22d of March, to preach to the congregation which has been collected by the Rev. Mr. Miller. I was gratified to find that the prospects at this place are quite encouraging.

Two sermons were preached by me on the 25th of March at *Sheboygan*. At *Delavan* the 1st of April, I Confirmed *three* persons and preached two sermons.

The next night I preached at *Whitewater* and at an early hour the following morning Confirmed a sick member of the Church, and administered the Holy Eucharist to her and a few friends. That night I preached at *Fort Atkinson*; and the next night at *Johnstown*. These three places should be united into one Mission. They have enjoyed for some time past the occasional services of the Rev. Mr. Hoyt; but he now intends to confine himself to *Watertown*.

Good Friday was exceedingly rainy. A small congregation was collected at *Elkhorn*. The Lord's Supper was administered and a sermon preached.

The next day I went to *Bloomfield* below Geneva, where I spent a joyful and happy Easter. One adult and six children were baptized, *six* candidates for Confirmation renewed their baptismal vows, and ten members of the church participated of the memorials of a Saviour's Love. The children were catechized, and several addresses and sermons were delivered. Here the parish of the Church of the Holy Communion has been organized, and there is much reason to believe that its growth will be as steadfast as it has been rapid.

On the 11th of April at *Southport*, *eleven* persons were presented at the Altar, on whom, according to the practice of the Apostles, I laid hands,—preached both afternoon and night.

At *Lisbon*, the 15th of April, I married the Rector, Confirmed *three* persons, and preached.

A second Confirmation was held at *Nashotah* the 22d of April, when the vows of baptism were renewed by *nine* candidates for that holy rite. I was detained by indisposition from the second services of this day, but I was enabled during the morning to preach and administer Confirmation and the Lord's Supper, besides addressing those on whom I had laid hands.

Trinity Church, Milwaukee, being vacant, I devoted to it the 13th of May, besides preaching at St. Paul's at night.

On the 20th of May I visited *Watertown* where I preached three times and Confirmed *three* persons. The next morning in the presence of the congregation, I had the gratification of laying the *Corner Stone of St. Paul's Church*.

I spent Whit-Sunday with the Rev. Mr. Sorensen and Confirmed *five* young persons, who according to the admirable system of those, who, have been brought up under the influence of the Augsburg Confession, had been diligently and thoroughly taught by their pastor.

On Trinity Sunday, one of the stated days, I held an ordination at *Nashotah*, and admitted Mr. Homer Wheeler, a candidate for holy orders in Indiana, but who had been a theological student at *Nashotah*, to the Diaconate. On this occasion I was favoured with the presence of two clerical brethren from Indiana, one of whom, the Rev. Solon W. Manney, preached the ordination sermon.

Last Sunday I was with the Rev. S. C. Millett, at *Beloit*. At his request I preached, and Confirmed *one* person. He likewise held a service at *Rockton* in Illinois, when I preached.

The following day we started for Green County, and in Decatur township, at the log and unfinished dwelling of one of those families occasionally to be met with, which through the good Providence of Almighty God has been brought into the Church and has learned to appreciate the privileges thereof, and to love and deeply reverence the services of the Sanctuary, while they have scarcely ever trod its sacred courts,—I preached, and Confirmed the eldest daughter. The neighbourhood is intelligent; and through the influence of a Sunday School diligently taught, the Prayer Book is inquired after, read, and known. This should

especially be a station for an Itinerant whose services are so exceedingly needed.

On the Sundays when I have been at home, I have always assisted the clergy at Nebotah, and have generally preached twice and administered the Holy Eucharist. I have been the more ready to do so, as St. Sylvanus' parish is actually vacant. The few clergy of the Institution are too much occupied with their theological classes, the parish school, and the academy, to attend to parochial duty.—*May every reason to believe that before the commencement of winter the present vacancy will be ably supplied.*

You will perceive by the above statement that I have visited extensively throughout the State and have not forgotten my office of Missionary Bishop. But not half has been done that ought to have been done, and I shall never be contented that, although an infant and poor diocese, we are doing our duty, until one *evangelical* Missionaries are sustained by us.

The Rev. James Abercrombie has removed from Maryland and has become pastor of St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.

The Rev. G. Unonius has been transferred to Illinois and the Rev. John P. T. Graham to Tennessee.

The painful duty has devolved upon me of removing the Rev. John Johnstone, M. D., from the ministry. The record thereof was made in the most solemn manner in the presence of several of the clergy.

The following is the list of *Candidates for the Ministry* belonging to this Diocese:—William Markoe, John McNamara, George F. Richards, John A. Bowman, Otis Fennin, Edward Goodnough, John O. Barton, John E. Battin, Albert Bingham, William F. G. Chadwick, and George P. Schetky. Comparing this list with that of last year you will perceive there has been an accession of eight names.—John Ambrose Wheelock and Reginald Heber Weller have been transferred to the Diocese of Mississippi; and William A. Leach and Martin F. Sorensen have been ordained.

The future prospects and present position of the Church in this Diocese are subjects to my mind of the deepest interest and anxiety. A people comparatively poor and necessarily occupied with the various duties of new settlers are anxious for the ministrations of the Gospel. Congregation after congregation can be organized and built up. But whom shall we send to proclaim to them the riches of the grace that is in Christ Jesus—and how shall they be supported? The experience of the few past years must satisfy us that our reliance upon the Board of Missions should be as slight as possible. Two Clergymen have left us because they could not be sustained, and others feel as if they ought to follow their example for the same cause. And others I know are struggling with poverty and almost with want. Under these circumstances I must appeal to the laity, and I trust I can appeal to them in confidence. Can not, dear brethren, cannot efforts, cannot even sacrifices be made for the glorious cause, in which the present peace and everlasting consolation of yourself and children are deeply and permanently interested?—I beseech you, make it a subject of serious deliberation with your christian friends and of earnest private prayer. *Let each parish try if it cannot at once support its minister.* Who gives the tenth of his income to the cause of God and his Church? And is it not a duty so to do? Are we not expected to give as freely as we have received? And will not even a cup of cold water given from holy motives be remembered and rewarded? The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof. Let us return to Him for His worship and service a portion of His gifts. There is that scattereth and yet increaseth. Many a parish can afford as much again as it now pours into the treasury of the Lord. But not only is the worship of your own sanctuary to be sustained; you should delight in the privilege of sending heralds of the cross to our distant and waste places.

Now is the time, brethren, for strenuous and successful exertions. We learn from the daily papers that two hundred and two congregations have been organized in this State by a highly respectable association of professing Christians. At the present moment we want eighteen clergymen or Missionaries, besides one or two itinerants. I would that all the members of the church now in the Diocese be ascertained and found out, and the Gospel be brought to their doors with all its vivifying truths and sanctifying tendencies at least four times a year.

May then every parish that is organized endeavour to become self-supporting. May all the Missionary collections required by our canons be punctually, faithfully and generously made. And let us often ask ourselves, What do we—with all our high privileges, and, I fear frequent boastings—What do we do more than others? There is much land to be possessed; it is fertile and full of promise.—And, brethren, it is in fact our duty, a duty of the most imperative nature, for which we must at a future day account,—It is our duty to do good, especially unto those who are of the household of faith.

At our primary Convention I urged various topics upon your attention, which I will not now repeat. I am ready to co-operate with you in promoting the spiritual welfare of that Zion which we love—in duly nourishing and teaching the lambs of the flocks by the establishment of parochial and other schools—and of interesting our brethren, relations and friends who reside in older Dioceses, in those efforts which are so necessary for the growth and permanency of the Kingdom of God in this State.

Fervently commending you to the protection of the Most High, and imploring for you the guidance and support of the source of peace and holiness, I am ever your faithful servant in Christ.

JACKSON KEMPER,

Bishop in Charge of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

On motion of the Rev. B. Akerly, the proposed amendment of Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese, approved of by the Convention of 1848, was taken up for consideration.

The Rev. S. K. Miller gave notice, that in case this proposed amendment was not finally approved, he would then offer a substitute.

The question being taken on the final approval of the proposed amendment of Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of this Diocese: It was *Lost*.

On motion of Mr. H. T. Woodward, the proposed amendment of Article VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese, approved of by the Convention of 1848, was taken up for consideration.

The question being taken on the final approval of the proposed amendment of Article VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese: It was *Lost*.

On motion of the Rev. B. Akerly, the proposed addition to the Constitution of this Diocese, of Article XIII, Section 1, and Section, 2, approved of by the Convention of 1848, was taken up for consideration.

The question being taken on the final approval of Article XIII. Section 1 and 2, as an addition to the Constitution: It was *Approved*.

The following is now obligatory as an Article of the Constitution of this Diocese:

ARTICLE XIII.

Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.

Sec. 1. All real estate granted, personal property or monies given or bequeathed, to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin for any specified object, shall forever be and remain inviolably appropriated to such specified object, and shall not by authority of the Convention, or any other power, be diverted from such specified object, or employed by the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," in any commercial business whatever.

Sec. 2. This Article shall in no case be altered or amended, except as it is provided in Article XII of this Constitution; and in addition thereto, a vote of two-thirds of each order shall be required to make such alteration or amendment.

The Rev. B. Akerly offered the following as a substitute for Canon V, of this Diocese:

CANON V.

Diocesan Missions.

Sec. 1. The Board of Missions of this Diocese shall consist of the Bishop, together with the Standing Committee; of which Board the Bishop shall be, ex-officio, President.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee may at any time resolve itself into the Board of Missions at the request of the Bishop; and in case this request be made by letter, then the Board may act upon such business only, as the Bishop may designate.

Sec. 3. No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board, unless he shall have been nominated by the Bishop.

Sec. 4. The former Canon of 1847, is hereby repealed by this of 1849.

The question being taken on this proposed Canon as a substitute for Canon V, of 1847: It was *Adopted*.

On motion of the Rev. S. K. Miller, *Resolved*, Inasmuch as there is now existing within the limits of this Diocese, a Theological School legally incorporated, under the name of "Nashotah House," in which school the Candidates for Holy Orders belonging to such Diocese are most of them pursuing their preparatory studies; and inasmuch as said school is in no way connected with this Diocese, as on many accounts it is most desirable it should be; That, therefore, a Committee of three members of this Convention be appointed to confer with the Trustees of said School, touching the expediency of placing said School under the supervision and control of the Diocese of Wisconsin; and that said Committee be instructed to report to the next Annual Convention of such Diocese.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. S. K. Miller, E. A. Greenleaf, and S. C. Millett, said Committee.

The Rev. B. Akerly submitted the following, as an amendment of Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of this Diocese :

After the words "*in union with this Convention*," insert the words "*who shall be either Communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or shall have been baptized by the office and ministry of the same*"

The question being taken on this proposed amendment of Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of this Diocese : It was *Approved*, and lies over to the next Annual Convention, for final action thereupon.

The Rev. S. K. Miller, agreeably to previous notice, submitted the following as an amendment of Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese :

Strike out all, in Section 2, after the words "*The said Presbyters must be*," and substitute the words "*of those entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese*."

The question being taken on this proposed amendment of Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese : It was *Approved*, and lies over to the next Annual Convention for final action thereupon.

The Rev. David Keene, agreeably to previous notice, submitted the following as an amendment of Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese :

At the end of Section 2, Article III, of the Constitution, add the words "*In every case, however, where a Clergyman is not able to hold a cure of souls, arising from bodily infirmity, or age, he shall not for such cause be excluded from a seat in this Convention*."

The question being taken on this proposed amendment of Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese : It was *Approved*, and lies over to the next Annual Convention, for final action thereupon.

The Reports of Parishes and Missionaries were read, for which, see *Appendix C*.

On motion of the Rev. David Keene, the Convention proceeded to ballot for the *Standing Committee* of the Diocese.

The Chair appointed Messrs. J. E. Cowles and H. T. Woodward, Jr., Tellers, to receive and canvass the votes for the *Standing Committee*.

The *Standing Committee* of the Diocese for the past year, reported :

REPORT

Of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

1848-9.

Your Committee respectfully report—That, at the first meeting of this, the second *Standing Committee* of the Diocese of Wisconsin, held in Trinity Church, Janesville, June 15th, 1848, the Rev. Benjamin Akerly was elected President, and the Rev. David Keene Secretary.

At this meeting the canonical Testimonials were given, recommending the Rev. I. Wilson Davis, and the Rev. William C. Armstrong, Deacons, for Priests' Orders.

The canonical Testimonials were also given, recommending Messrs. William A. Leach, and Martin F. Sorensen, for Deacons' Orders.

The canonical Certificates were also given, recommending Olof Forsin, Edward A. Goodnough, Albert Bingham, John O. Barton, John E. Batton, F. S. Chadwick, George P. Schetky, and John A. Bowman, as Candidate for Holy Orders.

The second meeting of the Standing Committee was held in the City of Milwaukee, Sept. 18, 1848, at which meeting the canonical Testimonials were given, recommending Martin F. Sorensen, Deacon, for Priests' Orders.

The third meeting of the Standing Committee, was held at the Vestry Room of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, January 16, 1849.

At this meeting, the Secretary presented a statement of the various documents belonging to the Standing Committee, being Testimonials of those seeking to become Candidates for Holy Orders, the Diaconate, and the Priesthood; Journals of Conventions, &c., &c.—and as others are constantly being added, he urged the necessity of having some one place of deposit, in order to avoid the probability of their loss—the almost necessary consequence of transferring them yearly from one Secretary to another.

Whereupon, on motion, it was—*Resolved*, That all original documents, relating to the business of the Standing Committee, should be placed under the care of the "Conservator of Church Documents for the Diocese."

All other proceedings at this meeting were rendered null, by the renunciation of the Ministry by the Rev. John Johnstone, M. D.

The fourth meeting of the Standing Committee was held at the Vestry Room of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, May 10th, 1849.

At this meeting the canonical Testimonials were given, recommending John McNamara, for Deacons' Orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
BENJAMIN AKERLY, President.

DAVID KEENE, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. H. T. Woodward, Jr., Mr. Allen W. Hatch was appointed *Treasurer* pro tem.

On motion of Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, *Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Tellers on the votes cast for members of the Standing Committee, announced:

That the Rev. T. J. Ruger and Messrs. J. B. Doe, and A. W. Hatch, had each received a majority of the votes cast.

The Chair, thereupon, declared:—That the Rev. T. J. Ruger and Messrs. J. B. Doe and Allen W. Hatch, were duly elected members of the Standing Committee, and that a second ballot was necessary for *three Clerical and two Lay* members to complete the Committee. The Convention then adjourned.

TRINITY CHURCH, Janesville, 8 o'clock, P. M.

Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. B. Akerly, the Lessons by the Rev. David Keene.

A Sermon upon *Christian Education*, was preached by the Rev. S. K. Miller.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 14th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

J. Albert Helfenstein, a Lay Deputy from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to a second ballot, in order to complete the Standing Committee.

The Tellers on the second ballot, to complete the Standing Committee announced :

That the Rev. Messrs. Benjamin Akerly, David Keene and James Abercrombie, and the Messrs. Cyrus Hawley, and J. E. Cowles, had each received a majority of the votes cast.

Whereupon, the Chair declared the following gentlemen as constituting the

STANDING COMMITTEE :

Rev. T. J. Ruger,

" B. Akerly,

" D. Keene,

" J. Abercrombie,

Mr. J. B. Doe,

" A. W. Hatch,

" C. Hawley,

" J. E. Cowles.

The Tellers on the ballot for a Trustee of the "*General Theological Seminary*," announced :—*No Election*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, having received the highest number of votes, be declared duly elected a "*Trustee of the General Theological Seminary*."

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. S. C. Millett, the Lessons by the Rev. T. J. Ruger.

A Sermon was preached by the Rev. F. A. Greenleaf.

Divine Service ended, on motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for *Deputies and Supplimentary Deputies to the General Convention*.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Benjamin C. Adams, and J. Kimball, Tellers:*

The Rev. M. Hoyt submitted the following as an amendment of Article VIII, of the Constitution of this Diocese :

In the First Section, strike out all after the words, "*At every Annual Convention*," and substitute "*prior to the regular Triennial*"

meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, four Clerical, and four Lay Deputies shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese in said Convention." Add as a Sixth Section, to same Article :—"In case any vacancy or vacancies shall occur among either the Deputies or Supplementary Deputies, then such vacancy or vacancies shall be supplied by the Annual Diocesan Convention."

The question being taken on this proposed amendment of Article VIII, of the Constitution of this Diocese: It was *Approved*, and lies over to the next Annual Convention, for final action thereupon.

Mr. H. T. Woodward, Jr., called for a Report from the "*Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.*"

The Treasurer, J. Albert Helfenstein, stated that a Report would be presented during the afternoon's session.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin C. Adams, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Matthew's Church, Southport.

The Tellers on the votes cast for "*Deputies to the General Convention*," announced:

That the Rev. Messrs. Benjamin Akerly, Stephen McHugh, Stephen C. Millett, and James Lloyd Breck; and the Messrs. J. Albert Helfenstein, J. B. Doe, A. Hyatt Smith, and A. W. Hatch, had received a majority of all the votes cast for "*Deputies to the General Convention.*"

The Chair, thereupon, declared the above named gentlemen duly elected.

The Tellers further announced:

That the Rev. Messrs. Ebenezer Williams, Samuel K. Miller, Melancthon Hoyt, and E. A. Greenleaf; and the Messrs. Benjamin H. Edgerton, H. T. Woodward, Jr., Daniel Bread, and William Lupton, had each received a majority of all the votes cast for "*Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention.*"

The Chair, thereupon, declared the above named gentlemen duly elected.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 2 o'clock, this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, June, 14th, 2 o'clock.

Second day's session resumed.

On motion of Mr. A. W. Hatch, *Resolved*, That A. Hyatt Smith, J. B. Doe, John R. Phelps, John Catlin, and J. Albert Helfenstein, be elected "*Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.*"

The "*Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin*," presented the following Report:

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The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, respectfully report :

That in consequence of the absence of the President, and a majority of the Trustees, we have not been able to examine the Treasurer's accounts; but would state that the Fund amounts to about \$500,00, and is at interest at 12 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. DOE,

J. A. HELFENSTEIN.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Doe, the Rev. Secretary was appointed a Committee for publishing the Journal of the Proceedings of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. David Keene, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed, to obtain a correct interpretation of the Act providing for the Incorporation of Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin; and that full instructions be appended by the Committee, to the Journal, as to every step necessary to be taken in the Organization and Incorporation of Parishes.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Benjamin Ak-erly, and David Keene, and Mr. J. E. Cowles, said Committee.

On motion the Convention took a recess until the close of Divine Service this evening.

TRINITY CHURCH, *Jamesville*, 8 o'clock, P. M.

Evening Prayer was read by Rev. Melancthon Hoyt; the Lessons by the Rev. S. K. Miller.

A Sermon was preached by the Rev. S. C. Millett.

Divine Service ended, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JACKSON KEMPER,

Bishop in Charge of the Diocese.

BENJAMIN AKERLY, *Secretary.*

J. E. COWLES, *Assistant Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

CONSTITUTION

AND

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

CONSTITUTION,

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE, 1847.

ARTICLE I.

Acceding to General Constitution.

The Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, desirous of entering into federal union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, does, accordingly accede to, recognize and adopt the General Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Annual Convention.

There shall be an annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the Second Wednesday of June.

ARTICLE III.

Members of Convention.

Sec. 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Laity.

Sec. 2. Every Clergyman canonically connected with this diocese and having charge of some Parish, (or officiating as a missionary

within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy or seminary of learning constituted or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States,) shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention.

Sec. 3. The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four Deputies from each congregation in this Diocese in union with this Convention, a certificate of whose appointment shall be signed by either the Minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the Vestry, and laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

ARTICLE IV.

President of Convention.

The Bishop or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, shall, ex-officio, preside in Convention, and be entitled to vote on all questions. The Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote and in the absence of the Bishop shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop and of the Assistant Bishop, or their inability to act, then the members shall elect from the Presbyters, a President, pro tempore.

ARTICLE V.

Transaction of Business.

Sec. 1. The Bishop with such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 2. The clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such.

Sec. 3. On a call of any five members, the Convention shall vote by orders. In such a case the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure, and each parish shall be entitled to only one vote.

Sec. 4. On every question, the votes of a majority of those present, or when voting by orders, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide the question.

ARTICLE VI.

Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.

Sec. 1. At each Annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen from among its members, who shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings and when approved, to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of the Bishop, all originals, and to his successor, all books and papers relating to the concerns of the convention, which may be in his possession. An Assistant Secretary may also be chosen, if requested by the Secretary.

Sec. 2. A Treasurer of this Convention shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the Secretary of the Convention, for the use of the Convention, and shall present a statement of his accounts at each Annual Convention.

Sec. 3. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all money, bonds, mortgages, notes or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal or incapacity.

ARTICLE VII.

Standing Committee.

Sec. 1. The Convention shall elect annually, a Standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and Laymen; who when there is no Bishop, or he incapable of acting, shall be the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, for all purposes declared in this Constitution.

Sec. 2. The said Presbyters must be canonically connected with this Diocese, and at the time of their election must be in actual charge of a Parish.

Sec. 3. The Lay members of the Committee must be communicants of some Church in the Diocese, in union with the Convention.

Sec. 4. The Committee at their first meeting, shall chose a President from among the Clerical members, and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for that purpose, which book and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention.

Sec. 5. The Bishop shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in this body during the recess of the Convention.

Sec. 6. The whole being summoned, three of the Committee, both orders being represented—shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII.

Delegates to General Convention.

Sec. 1. At every Annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Sec. 2. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters, canonically connected with this Diocese, and having parochial charges.

Sec. 3. In case of a failure or neglect of the Convention to elect Deputies, those already in office shall continue until successors are

chosen.

Sec. 4. The Convention shall also elect, by ballot, a like number of Supplementary Deputies of each order, to serve as deputies contingently.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop in writing, at least six weeks before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment, and intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many from those of the Supplementary Deputies, as shall be necessary to insure a full representation of the Diocese; and the persons so designated shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

Special Convention.

Sec. 1. The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention.

Sec. 2. There shall be no less than six weeks notice, previous to the day appointed, given to the several Churches by a circular letter.

Sec. 3. Such Special Convention shall be holden at a place designated by the Ecclesiastical Authority calling it; and at such Special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

ARTICLE X.

Admission of Parishes.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes: provided they shall have laid before the Convention a Constitution, subscribed by the Wardens, wherein they expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and are duly incorporated, and regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and at least three Vestrymen.

ARTICLE XI.

Election of a Bishop.

Sec. 1. After the first, no other election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made, unless in an annual Convention, or in a Special Convention called for the purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to every Clergyman and Vestry of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The election shall be made in the following manner:—

The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office ; and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. If two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to vote be represented, then a majority of each order shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the Clergy and Congregations present, then two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XII.

Alteration of Constitution.

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner :—The proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted to the Annual Convention ; and if approved of by a majority of both orders, shall lie over to the next Annual Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each order, shall become valid and obligatory.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.

Sec. 1. All real estate granted, personal property or monies given or bequeathed, to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, for any specified object, shall forever be and remain inviolably appropriated to such specified object, and shall not by authority of the Convention, or any other power, be diverted from such specified object, or employed by the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," in any commercial business whatever.

Sec. 2. This Article shall in no case be altered or amended, except as it is provided in Article XII. of this Constitution ; and in addition thereto, a vote of two-thirds of each order shall be required to make such alteration or amendment.

Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.

NOTE.—The thirteenth Article of this Constitution was added by the Diocesan Convention of 1849, as Instructions to "The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."

CANONS
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

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**CANONS**

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 24, 1847.

**CANON I.**

*List of Clergymen in the Diocese.*

On or before the first day of the meeting of the Convention, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the President of the Standing Committee, to give to the Secretary of the Convention a certified list of the names of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, and entitled to seats and votes in Convention.

**CANON II.**

*Opening of Convention.*

Every Convention shall be opened with the Public Common Prayer of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon by a Presbyter, appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver a Sermon or Charge.

**CANON III.**

*Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In every Congregation, the Church Wardens shall, at the expense of the Parish, provide a proper book, in which the Minister, or if the Parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the names of all persons Baptized, Married and Buried, together with a list of persons Confirmed, and of those who are Communicants of the Church, with the date of every event recorded, which shall be under the signature of the person recording. From this Register, there shall, annually, be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of Convention, a full and accurate statement of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and of persons Confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion.

**CANON IV.**

*Persons repelled the Holy Communion.*

When a person who has been repelled the Holy Communion, ap-

peals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him, the Bishop may, and if the persons demands, it shall be his duty to appoint three Presbyters who shall make inquiries into the truth of the charges alleged, and shall make a report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop.

## CANON V.

### *Diocesan Missions.*

Sec. 1. The Board of Missions of this Diocese, shall consist of the Bishop, together with the Standing Committee ; of which Board the Bishop shall be, ex-officio, President.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee may at any time resolve itself into the Board of Missions, at the request of the Bishop ; and in case this request be made by letter, then the Board may act upon such business only as the Bishop may designate.

Sec. 3. No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board, unless he shall first have been nominated by the Bishop.

Sec. 4. The former Canon of 1847, on this subject, is hereby repealed by this of 1849.

## CANON VI.

### *Mode of Trying Clergymen.*

Sec. 1. If a clergyman of this Church, offend against any Canon of the General Convention of the Church, or against any Canon of this Diocese, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing by any two persons, who shall be communicants, and one of them shall be a Presbyter of this Church.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee if they deem the charges well founded, shall present said Clergyman to the Bishop for trial.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall, thereupon, summon a jury of three Presbyters, who shall be the judges both of the law and the facts.—The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Presbyter of the Church in this Diocese, and shall give the accused a copy of the charges presented to the Bishop, and also sixty days notice of the time and place of trial.

Sec. 4. If the accused shall not appear at the trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the judgement of the court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions, for the space of six months ; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

Sec. 5. The judgement of the Court shall in all cases be made known in writing to the accused, and to the Wardens and Vestrymen of his Parish, together with the charges and specifications, and an outline of the evidence produced on the trial, if it shall be demanded by the accused.

Sec. 6. If the Bishop approve the judgement, he shall, within thirty days proceed to administer the discipline prescribed by the court.

Sec. 7. Should the Bishop disapprove the decision of the court he may summon a new court, and order a new trial, and the judgement of the second court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

Sec. 8. In case of the suspension of any Clergyman, such suspension may be either for a limited period, or until the offender give the Bishop satisfactory evidence of contrition and reformation.

Sec. 9. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, ipso facto, sever the connection between the Clergyman so suspended, and his Parish.

Sec. 10. In all cases where charges are canonically preferred against a Clergyman of this Church, the accused shall have the right to demand a trial, which demand must be made in writing, and if not granted within three months, the charges shall be discontinued.

#### CANON VII.

##### *Alteration of Canons.*

No alterations in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.

## APPENDIX B.

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PARISHES OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 25, 1847.

## ARTICLE I.

*According to the General and Diocesan Constitution, Canons, &c.*

This Parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, expressly accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

## ARTICLE II.

*Use of Church Buildings.*

The Church Building or House of Worship, belonging to this Parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved of by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

## ARTICLE III.

*Rector and Minister.*

Sec. 1. The Rector is, ex officio, President of the Vestry, and of the Congregation, and has the casting vote in case of tie, on all questions brought before it.

Sec. 2. The Minister has the spiritual oversight of this Parish, and the Church Building shall be open to him for Public Common Prayer, Catechetical or other religious instruction, for Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals, and all other rites and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, at such times as he may deem proper.



Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Minister to enter in the Church Register, all Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, and Confirmations, occurring within his cure; to keep an accurate list of the Communicants and also a register of the families and individuals belonging to the Parish.

Sec. 4. The Minister of this Parish shall, at the end of every civil year, present to the wardens a full, faithful, and accurate written account of all Offerings received and disbursed by him in his official capacity as almoner of the Church, which account the Wardens shall present to the Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the "Record Book" of the Church, and the original shall be placed upon file among the Parish Documents. This annual account shall distinctly state the sources from whence the offerings came, and the persons or objects to which they were applied. It is left discretionary with the Minister to withhold names where prudence or a regard for the feelings of individuals renders it expedient.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Wardens.*

Sec. 1. It is recommended that the Wardens, as advisers to the Minister, be communicants of the Church.

Sec. 2. The Senior Warden, or in case of his inability to act, then the Junior Warden shall have the care of the "Record Book" of the parish, and shall cause to be copied therein all Documents bearing upon the history of the Parish.

Sec. 3. The Wardens shall have a care that the Church Building be kept from all secular, or other uses not authorized by Article II, of this Constitution; that it be kept in good repair as becometh the House of God.

Sec. 4. In case there be no Rector, or of absence or inability to act on his part, the Wardens according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry and of the Congregation. In case both the Rector and Wardens be absent, a Vestryman shall be chosen to preside.

Sec. 5. In case there be any Clergyman of the Church residing within this Parish, who shall conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the Rules of the Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Wardens shall in writing give notice thereof to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop.

Sec. 6. In the absence of the Wardens, their several duties shall devolve upon the Vestrymen.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Annual Elections.*

The Congregation of this Parish shall meet Annually on Monday of Easter week, and elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three, nor more than eight Vestrymen, who shall continue to dis-

the functions of their office during one year, or until their terms are elected in accordance with the Provisions of the act of the Legislature on the subject.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Vestrymen.*

1. The Vestrymen, together with the Wardens, shall transact temporal business of the Parish ; shall collect and disburse money due for Church purposes, and shall at the end of every year—if the Treasury be deficient—collect as far as practicable subscriptions or otherwise, a sum sufficient to liquidate all current expenses of the Church.

2. The Vestry shall, on or before Easter Monday, cause to be drawn and placed in the hands of the Minister, but if there be no Minister, then the Senior Warden—a full, accurate and faithful statement of the temporal condition of the Parish as a body corporate at the meeting of the Congregation on Easter Monday, the Senior Warden shall, before balloting for Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the Congregation, and after it is read to the new Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the Record Book of the Church, and the original shall be placed on file among the Parish Documents. The said statement shall declare what money, lands, or other property have been received during the year of office, and from what source. It shall further declare what money has been expended and for what objects : what property purchased, exchanged, mortgaged, sold or otherwise alienated, numbered, and for what purposes.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Secretary and Treasurer.*

1. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by the Vestry, who shall serve till their successors in office are chosen.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Vestry ; to take minutes of its proceedings, and when appointed to enter and attest the same in the "Book of Minutes" of the Church, it shall be his further duty to enter in the "Record Book" of the Church, the Minister's annual account of offerings, and the annual account of the temporal condition of the Parish, and to keep on file all the originals.

3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money due to the Church under the authority of the Vestry—the reception and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for—and in case there be no collector appointed by the vestry, himself shall also collect the same.

4. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order of the Vestry, signed by one of the Wardens or the Treasurer, and presented to the Vestry at a meeting held on or before Easter

Monday, a full and accurate statement accompanied with vouchers for all monies received and paid by his department, since the last annual statement.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer if he be not a member of the Vestry, shall attend its meetings when requested, and be guided by its advice in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, and be ready to answer all questions as to the state of the Treasury.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### *Vestry Meetings.*

Sec. 1. *Quarterly Meetings* of the Vestry shall be held on the first Monday of May, August, November and February.

*Special Meetings* may be held at such times as the Minister or any two of the members may desire.

Sec. 2. At every meeting of the Vestry, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, and if correct, approved; if incorrect, amended and approved.

At every quarterly meeting, the minutes of the last quarterly meeting of all subsequent special meetings shall be read.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### *Altering of Constitution.*

Alterations, amendments or additions may at any time be made to this Constitution by the Annual Diocesan Convention.

## APPENDIX C.

# REPORTS OF PARISHES

AND

## MISSIONARIES.

## APPENDIX C.—1.

*St. Church, Green Bay.—The Rev. Wm. Hammann, Rector.*

|                                                      |       |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Baptisms: Infants 11 ; Adults 5 ;                    | Total | 16       |
| Confirmed,                                           |       | 3        |
| Communicants,                                        |       | 38       |
| Marriages,                                           |       | 2        |
| Burials,                                             |       | 4        |
| Public Services: in the Church 143 ; elsewhere 5 ;   | "     | 148      |
| Sunday School Teachers,                              |       | 7        |
| " " Scholars,                                        |       | 35       |
| Offerings of the Church, at Holy Communion, \$71,58½ |       |          |
| " " " for incidental expenses, 40,76½                |       |          |
| Total,                                               |       | \$112,35 |

The Communion offerings were appropriated as follows: To the \$2,87½; Parochial objects \$13,20; Bishop White Prayer Book \$3,00; Diocesan Missions \$21,00; Foreign Missions, \$00; Convention Fund \$4,00; Episcopal Fund \$15,99½.

## APPENDIX C.—2.

*Paul's Church, Milwaukee.—Rev. Benjamin Akerly, Rector.*

*Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:*

*Rev. Father:—*I respectfully report the following statistics of Paul's Church, Milwaukee, for the second Diocesan year, ending 13th, 1849:

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Families connected with the Parish, | 149 |
| Individuals " " " "                 | 740 |
| Infant Baptisms,                    | 22  |
| Adult " " " "                       | 3   |
| Confirmed,—number of persons,       | 11  |
| Communicants,—number of persons,    | 150 |

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Marriages, . . . . .               | 5        |
| Burials, . . . . .                 | 23       |
| Offerings of the Parish, . . . . . | \$170,67 |

These offerings were made to the following objects, viz.—Episcopal Fund, \$23,87. Diocesan Missions \$16,78. The Poor of the Parish \$130,02.

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School Teachers, . . . . . | 19  |
| “ “ Scholars, . . . . .           | 200 |

The afternoon of every Lord's Day is devoted, as usual, to the Catechetical instruction of the children of the Parish,—the Rector acting as Superintendent. The Children's Sunday School Library numbers about 200 volumes.

A Parish Library, numbering over 600 volumes, for the use of Adult members of the Church and Congregation, has been established, now, two years. The average number of volumes drawn weekly, has been, for the past year, 40. The annual subscription of 50 cents, as also, all fines and donations are devoted to the increase of the Library.

Since the Last Annual Convention, the House of Worship of this Parish has been enlarged. The Church-building,—now in the form of a Cross,—is 40 feet front, by 110 feet deep in the Nave: the Transepts, on each side, 40 feet wide by 10 feet deep. The whole building, Nave, Transepts, and Organ-Loft, can accommodate 1000 persons.

Very respectfully,

Your Son in Christ,

BENJAMIN AKERLY.

MILWAUKEE, June 13th, 1849.

#### APPENDIX C—3.

*Hobart Church, Duck Creek.—The Rev. F. R. Haff, B. D., Rector.  
Oneida Indians.*

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. :

*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir* :—During the past year, I have, with one or two exceptions, regularly performed the services of the Church.—I have done all in my power to advance the spiritual interests of the people committed to my charge, and I trust my labor has not been in vain. The attendance upon Public Worship has been good, and there is a strong desire on the part of many to participate in all the ordinances of the Church.

|                                                        |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of Baptisms is, Infants 32, Adults 1, . . . . . | 33 |
| “ “ Confirmations, . . . . .                           | 3  |
| “ “ Marriages, . . . . .                               | 6  |
| “ “ Burials, . . . . .                                 | 19 |

Three of our Communicants have died, and three new ones have been added, making the present number, 157

The Parish has contributed \$15.35 to the Episcopal Fund, and \$3.00 to Domestic Missions.

F. R. HAFF,  
*Missionary of Hobart Church, D. C.*

## APPENDIX C—4.

*St. Matthew's Church, Southport.—The Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, Rector.*

|                                              |    |
|----------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms, Adults 5, Infants, 21,             | 26 |
| Confirmed,                                   | 11 |
| Marriages,                                   | 3  |
| Burials,                                     | 2  |
| Communicants: Died, 1; Removed, 5; Added, 6; |    |
| Present number about,                        | 60 |

*Sunday School.*

Scholars, 30; Teachers, 5.

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Offerings,—Episcopal Fund, | \$11.09 |
| Convention “               | 10.00   |
| Domestic Missions,         | 11.00   |
| Nashotah,                  | 5.00    |
| Diocesan Missions,         | 7.00    |

Total, \$44.09

The undersigned took charge of the Parish in the latter part of August last. Since then the Services in the Church have been uninterrupted. The Holy Communion has been administered on the first Sunday in each month, and usually received by about 35 or 40 of the Communicants.

The Vestry Room and the aisles of the Church have been neatly carpeted, and chairs have been provided for the Chancel.

E. A. GREENLEAF, *Rector.*

## APPENDIX C—5.

*St. Paul's Church, Beloit.—The Rev. Stephen C. Millett, Rector.*

Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:

*Rt. Rev. Father:*—The subjoined is a statistical report of St. Paul's Church, Beloit, for the past year:

|                               |        |   |
|-------------------------------|--------|---|
| Infant Baptisms, 2; Adult, 1; | Total, | 3 |
| Confirmed,                    |        | 2 |

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|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Communicants, - - - - -                      | 25     |
| Marriager, - - - - -                         | 9      |
| Burials, - - - - -                           | 3      |
| Contributions ; For Diocesan Missions, - - - | \$3,68 |
| "    "    Convention Fund, - - -             | 5,00   |
| "    "    Parochial Objects, - - -           | 60,00  |

I have held services, several times at Rockton, Ill. ; four times in a farming district, 8 miles south east of Reloit ; and once 20 miles west from Beloit, when I baptized one infant. In each of these places there are several families warmly attached to the Church.

Very Truly Yours,

S. C. MILLETT, *Minister.*

Beloit, June 13th, 1849.

#### APPENDIX C—6.

*St. Luke's Church, Racine.—The Rev. Samuel Marks, Rector.*

Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. :

*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :*—The report of my third year as Minister of this Parish, is now before you. Would that I could present a more profitable account of things, than about the mere external matters. So far as Church and furniture of the Church are concerned, the congregation is pleasantly and comfortably fixed. The orderly bearing of the congregation—the responses and music, are not surpassed perhaps in the Diocese. In relation to these things, my ministry will speak for itself. Beyond this, I fear I have been an unprofitable servant. As I have stated before, so I deem it proper to again repeat, that the elements of all the religious orders of Christians are so blended with this assembly, that I could not retain my place, did I continue to be faithful to my God, to my own heart, and the Church, in the exhibition of the doctrines of the Gospel. Melancholy as this statement may appear, it is nevertheless true—therefore, rather than withhold the truth, or change my style, I have chosen to resign my post, and throw myself upon the Providence and promises of God. These are days, when a faithful Minister of Christ in the West, must have great steadfastness, and patience, and faith, to stand, and having done all things, to stand and be simply a preacher of Christ ; to stand where the simplicity of the Gospel would have him ; there to watch and pray and fight and die and conquer and live ; this is his vocation. \* \* \* \* \*

The number and amount of my services have been as in the preceding years.

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Baptisms, Children, - - - - - | 4 |
| Funerals, - - - - -           | 5 |

|                                           |    |
|-------------------------------------------|----|
| Marriages, . . . . .                      | 3  |
| Present number of Communicants, . . . . . | 42 |
| Sunday School Scholars, . . . . .         | 62 |
| “ “ Teachers, . . . . .                   | 15 |

The School has been attended by myself, catechised and instructed in those things which make for their usefulness in this life, and their happiness in the life to come.

|                                            |         |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| Money collected for D. Missions, . . . . . | \$12,00 |
| “ “ “ Diocesan Missions, . . . . .         | 7,00    |
| “ “ “ Payment of Organ, . . . . .          | 330,00  |

The last mentioned money was raised by a Supper and Fair, by the Ladies. To their credit, I record it, that within the three years of my Ministry, they have by Suppers and Fairs, paid the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars, for an excellent Organ of eight stops. My Ministry and report of this Parish, are now closed. May God in His good time, give them a faithful and true Pastor.

SAMUEL MARKS, *Rector*.

#### APPENDIX C—7.

*St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.—The Rev. James Abercrombie, Rector.*

Waukesha, June 14th, 1849.

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:

*Right Rev. Father* :—Since I took charge of this Parish, October 10th, the interest in the Church, on the part of many, has been steadily increasing, and with faithful advocacy of the cause of the Church *as the cause of Christ*, there is no reason to doubt of ultimate success.

Fixed principles in Religion, I am persuaded, many here are longing for; and where are these to be found, if not in that Church “built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone?”

The Holy Communion is celebrated weekly, and on the Offertory, which has exceeded our most sanguine expectations, the Vestry, in support of their Rector, chiefly rely for the fulfillment of their pecuniary obligation.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| Baptisms: Infant, 2; Adult, 1, . . . . . | 3  |
| Communicants, . . . . .                  | 30 |
| Marriages, . . . . .                     | 1  |
| Funerals, . . . . .                      | 2  |

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, *Rector*.



## APPENDIX C—8.

*Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake, and St. Olof's Church, Asheppun.*  
*The Rev. Martin F. Sorensen, B. D. Rector.*

St. Olof's Parish, Asheppun, June 9th, 1849.

The Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. :

*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir* :—Since my ordination to the Diaconate, June 25, 1848, I have had charge of St. Olof's Parish, Asheppun, and the Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake, and I respectfully report the following statistics of these Parishes for the last year ;

|                                                                                    |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Population,                                                                        | 308       |
| Families : in St. Olof's, 53 ; Scandinavian, 14,                                   | 67        |
| Individuals,                                                                       | 17        |
| Communicants,                                                                      | 170       |
| Infant Baptisms,                                                                   | 14        |
| Holy Communion administered since my Ordination to the Priesthood, Sept. 24, 1848, | times, 11 |
| Confirmations,                                                                     | 5         |
| Marriages,                                                                         | 10        |
| Burials,                                                                           | 3         |

Divine Service has been celebrated regularly, on every Sunday, and other Holy Days, alternately in both places ; as also School and Catechising with the Children. The prospects are good ; the Church Buildings in both Parishes are now so far completed, that Divine Service is celebrated in them, and are expected to be finished for Consecration this summer.

Yours Very Respectfully,

MARTIN F. SORENSEN.

## APPENDIX C—9.

*Trinity Church, Janesville. The Rev. Thomas J. Ruger, Rector.*  
 Janesville, June 13th, 1849.

To the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. :

*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir* :—I respectfully present the following statistical report of Trinity Church, Janesville, for the past year :

|                                               |        |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|----|
| Baptisms : Infants, 5 ; Adults, 3,            | Total, | 8  |
| Number of persons Confirmed,                  |        | 7  |
| Communicants Added : New, 8 ; By Removal, 6 ; |        | 14 |
| Present Number,                               |        | 52 |
|                                               |        | 1  |
|                                               |        | 7  |

Public Services of the Church have been celebrated by me

|                                                                  |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| on Sundays 104 times, and other days 13 times ; Total 117 times. |         |
| Contributions: To the Episcopal Fund,                            | \$5,00  |
| “ “ Diocesan Missions,                                           | 5,00    |
| “ “ Poor of the Parish,                                          | 5,00    |
| Paid for Church Edifice, and other expenses not current,         | 1400,00 |

Very Respectfully, Yours, &c.,  
T. J. RUGER.

## APPENDIX C—10.

*St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah, and All Saints Church, Warren.*  
*The Rev. James Lloyd Breck, Minister in Charge.*

To the Right Reverend Father in God, Jackson Kemper, D. D. :  
In view of the approaching Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin, I make the following report of my *Pastoral Labours* during the past year.

By the blessing of God, I have been able to officiate on every Sunday throughout the year, in the Public offices of the Church. The following are

*The Statistics of St. Sylvanus' Parish :*

|                                                |   |    |
|------------------------------------------------|---|----|
| Holy Baptism has been administered to Infants, | - | 33 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Adults,                              | - | 8  |
| Confirmation “ “ “ Persons,                    | - | 13 |
| Communicants added,                            | - | 17 |
| Buried, Infants,                               | - | 5  |
| “ Adults,                                      | - | 2  |
| Marriages solemnized,                          | - | 4  |

*Statistics of All Saints Parish.*

|                                                |   |   |
|------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| Holy Baptism has been administered to Infants, | - | 6 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Adults,                              | - | 1 |

At Waukesha, during the vacancy of Church ministration, I officiated on two Sundays, and baptized two Infants ; and upon a week-day Buried one Child.

All of which is respectfully submitted by,

Your Son in Christ,

JAMES LLOYD BRECK,

*In Charge of St. Sylvanus' Parish.*

Nashotah Lakes, Wis., June 4th, 1849.

## APPENDIX C.—11.

*Grace Church, Sheboygan.—The Rev. L. Wilson Davis, Rector.*

To the Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin :

Since last report there have been in this Parish nine Baptisms, one Marriage, and two Burials. Communicants: added 8, removed 4, present number 24. Communion Offerings: for parochial purposes \$12,31, for Episcopal Fund \$7,60, for Convention Fund, 2,40. Sunday School: Scholars 20, Teachers 5. Evening services are held at Sheboygan Falls, six miles distant, on the first Sunday of each month. A fine Carhart's Melodeon (cost \$45.) has been presented to the Church by the Ladies' Sewing Society.

Very respectfully,

L. WILSON DAVIS, Minister.

Sheboygon, June 4th, 1849.

## APPENDIX C.—12.

*St. John's Church, Milwaukee.—The Rev. David Keene, B. D., Rector.*

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. :

*Rt. Rev. Father* :—I respectfully report the following statistics of St. John's Church, Milwaukee, for the year ending June 13th, 1849.

|                                          |           |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Infant Baptisms,                         | - - - - - | 9   |
| Confirmed,                               | - - - - - | 5   |
| Marriages,                               | - - - - - | 5   |
| Burials,                                 | - - - - - | 10  |
| Communicants : Removed 3, present number | - - - - - | 25  |
| Number of Sunday School Scholars,        | - - - - - | 60  |
| “ “ Teachers in same,                    | - - - - - | 6   |
| “ “ Volumes in S. School Library,        | - - - - - | 200 |
| “ “ Parish Library,                      | - - - - - | 60  |

Offerings since June, 1848, to the present date, being contributions at each service, - - - - - \$100,00

The whole amount of Offerings are, in the present Infant State of the Parish. appropriated to the support of the Rector.

Very Respectfully,

Your Son in Christ,

DAVID KEENE.

Milwaukee, June 12th. 1849.

## APPENDIX C—13.

*St. Paul's Church, Watertown.—The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, Rector.*

*Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir :—*The following are the statistics of St. Paul's Church, Watertown, for the year ending June 18th, 1849 :

|                                                    |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Individuals belonging to the Congregation, about,  | 150 |
| Families " " " " " "                               | 26  |
| Baptisms, Infants, " " " " " "                     | 4   |
| Confirmed, " " " " " "                             | 3   |
| Marriages, " " " " " "                             | 5   |
| Burials, " " " " " "                               | 3   |
| Communicants, " " " " " "                          | 56  |
| Prayers read and Sermons preached during the year, |     |
| at various places, about times,                    | 125 |

Respectfully Submitted,

MELANCTHON HOYT.

Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.

## APPENDIX C—14.

*Our Saviour's Church, Asheppun.—Vacant.*

The Rev. M. F. Sorensen, at the close of his report of the Parish under his pastoral charge, thus speaks of the Parish of Our Saviour's Church :

"I would also report that, since the beginning of March, I have preached almost every other Sunday, in Our Saviour's Parish, Asheppun. There are a few Communicants, but the Parish is almost broken up, and as yet I cannot say that I have great hopes for the better."

## APPENDIX C—15.

*Church of the Holy Communion, Bloomfield.—Vacant.*

From the Annual Address of our Right Reverend Father, (p. 7 of this Journal,) we gather the following information in relation to the state of the Parish of *The the Church of the Holy Communion*, and its statistics for the past year :

"The 20th of August (1848,) was spent in company with the Rev. F. W. Hatch, at the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Whiting, in Bloomfield township, Walworth County. We celebrated divine service, an Infant was Baptized, and we both preached here and at Geneva, which is only six miles to the north."

"I again visited Bloomfield, in Walworth County, (Jan. 1849,) and at the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Whiting, *preached twice, administered the Lord's Supper to six Communicants, and Confirmed one person.*"

"I went to Bloomfield, April 7, 1849, below Geneva, where I spent a happy and joyful Easter. *One Adult and six Children were Baptized; six Candidates for Confirmation renewed their baptismal vows, and ten members of the Church participated of the memorials of a Saviour's Love.* The children were catechized, and several addresses and sermons were delivered. Here the Parish of the Church of the Holy Communion has been organized, and there is much reason to believe that its growth will be as steadfast as it has been rapid."

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#### APPENDIX C—16.

*Emmanuel Church, Port Washington—The Rev. S. K. Miller, Missionary.*

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. :

*Rt. Rev. Father in God :—*Soon after our last Annual Convention I became a Missionary at this Station, now for the first time occupied by the Church. Since the 26th of July last, I have performed Divine Service in Port Washington 70 times; have preached therein 63 times; at Grafton, distant 7 miles from Port Washington, 6 times; and in other places several times; have buried 2 persons, and Baptized 3 Infants. On several Sundays, I have been unable to officiate on account of illness, and from being unable to obtain a suitable room for Divine Service. My services are now mostly confined to Port Washington. We worship at present in a large and convenient room, which has been hired and fitted up with seats, chancel, reading desk, altar, &c., by the zealous exertions of the Ladies' Sewing Society of the Parish. The present number of Communicants is 5.

S. K. MILLER.

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#### APPENDIX C—17.

*The Rev. William Adams, Professor of Theology at Nashotah.*

June 8th, 1849.

Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop in Charge of the Diocese of Wisconsin :

*Rt. Rev. Sir :—*I have during the last year been elected Professor of Systematic Divinity by the Trustees of Nashotah, since it has

incorporated. I have since then been doing the duty of that office, I hope with effect, for the good of the Church. I have preached often for my Clerical brethren and Baptized various infants, and administered the Lord's Supper often. All of these services will be found recorded by the various Clergymen in whose parishes they were performed.

With much respect I remain

Most truly your Ob't Presbyter,

WILLIAM ADAMS.

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APPENDIX C.—18.

*Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop in Charge of the Diocese of Wisconsin.*

The following Statistics of this Diocese, and the official acts performed by our Rt. Rev. Father during the past year, we gather from the Annual Address of the Bishop in Charge of this Diocese.

|                                |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Confirmed,                     | - | - | - | - | - | 92 |
| Ordained, Deacons,             | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| " Priest,                      | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Licensed Lay-Readers,          | - | - | - | - | - | 10 |
| Candidates for Holy Orders,    | - | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| Marriages,                     | - | - | - | - | - | 3  |
| Laid Corner Stone,             | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Received, Priest,              | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Baptized: Infants 12, Adult 1, | - | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| Transferred Candidates,        | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| Transferred Priests,           | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |

NOTE.—As not more than half of the Parishes have presented Reports; and, as, of those who have reported, many have not given full statistical accounts, no *Table of Parochial Reports* can be made that would give a true view of the state of the Church in this Diocese.

## APPENDIX D.

## AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CARE OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.*

Sec. 1. That Paraclete Potter, John Catlin, J. A. Helfenstein, A. H. Smith, and John R. Phelps, of Wisconsin, and their successors duly elected and appointed in the manner hereinafter provided, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be competent to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to answer and be answered unto, in all courts of law and equity, and be capable of taking and holding by gift, grant and devise, and of purchasing, holding and conveying real estate and personal property; *Provided*, the yearly income of such property, both real or personal, shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. The object of said corporation shall be the management and care of any funds which are now provided, or which may be hereafter contributed or acquired for the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, the income whereof to be appropriated by the said trustees according to the directions to be from time to time given by the Convention of said Church in Wisconsin.

Sec. 3. The said Trustees shall be five in number, to be hereafter elected at each annual meeting of the Convention of said Church, and hold their offices for the period of one year from and after such elections, and until other trustees shall have been elected and entered upon their duties.

Sec. 4. The said Trustees shall make a report at each annual convention, exhibiting the amount and condition of the said funds and property under their charge.

Sec. 5. The said Trustees shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, to hold his appointment during their pleasure, and to be subject at all times to their control and direction, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of said Trustees, to receive and pay out all money, and take charge of and manage all the property, real and personal, which may be intrusted to the care of said board of trustees for the

use and benefit of the church aforesaid, and to keep their books, accounts, and records; and who shall give such security for the faithful performance of the duties assigned to him, as may from time to time be deemed sufficient by said board of trustees.

**Sec. 6.** The said Trustees hereby incorporated shall be bound to conform to any instructions that may be given to them by the said Convention, touching the management of said funds and property, and the disposition of the income thereof: *Provided*, such instructions shall be in writing, and shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

APPROVED, March 1, 1848.



**APPENDIX E.**  
**J. A. HELFENSTEIN, Treasurer, in account with the CONVENTION FUND of the Diocese of Wisconsin.**

|                                                                                                                              |         | 1848.   |                                          |         |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Dr.                                                                                                                          |         |         |                                          | Cr.     |  |
| To amount paid King & Fuller for printing Journal of Convention of 1848.                                                     | \$67 80 | June 14 | By Cash on hand.                         | \$4 87  |  |
| To Cash paid Secretary of Convention for Postage and other incidental expenses attending the publishing the Journal of 1848. | 10 00   |         | " " Am't from St. Paul's Church, Beloit. | 5 00    |  |
|                                                                                                                              |         |         | " " " St. Matthew's Church, Southport.   | 10 00   |  |
|                                                                                                                              |         |         | " " " Christ Church, Green Bay.          | 4 00    |  |
|                                                                                                                              |         |         | " " " Grace Church, Sheboygan.           | 2 40    |  |
|                                                                                                                              |         |         | " " " St. James' Church, Manitowoc.      | 1 00    |  |
|                                                                                                                              |         |         | " " " St. Luke's Church, Racine.         | 10 00   |  |
|                                                                                                                              |         |         | " " " St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah.    | 2 13    |  |
|                                                                                                                              |         |         | Balance due Treasurer.                   | 38 40   |  |
|                                                                                                                              | \$77 80 |         |                                          | \$77 80 |  |
| <i>Milwaukee, June 13th, 1849.</i>                                                                                           |         |         |                                          |         |  |

**APPENDIX F.**

**J. A. HELFENSTEIN, Treasurer, in account with the MISSIONARY FUND of the Diocese of Wisconsin.**

|                                                                                     |        | 1848.           |                                               |         |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Dr.                                                                                 |        |                 |                                               | Cr.     |  |
| To Amount paid the Rev. Gustaf Unonius, at the request of Christ Church, Green Bay. | \$6 00 | June 14.<br>15. | By Balance of Cash on hand.                   | \$00 34 |  |
|                                                                                     |        |                 | " " Am't rec'd from Convention at Janesville. | 20 00   |  |
|                                                                                     |        |                 | " " " St. Paul's Church, Beloit.              | 3 68    |  |
|                                                                                     |        |                 | " " " St. Matthew's Ch, Southport.            | 11 00   |  |
|                                                                                     |        |                 | " " " Christ Church, Green Bay.               | 87 00   |  |

J. A. HELPENSTEIN, Treasurer, in account with the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

APPENDIX G.

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1848.  
June 18

| Balance in hands of Treasurer | 1848  | June 14 | By Cash on hand,                             | 1848  | June 14 |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|----------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
|                               | \$495 | 94      | " Am't rec'd from St. Matthew's Ch, Southp't | \$371 | 18      |
|                               |       |         | " " " Hobart Church, Duck Cr'k,              | 11    | 09      |
|                               |       |         | " " " Christ Church, Green Bay,              | 15    | 38      |
|                               |       |         | " " " Trinity Church, Janesville,            | 16    | 99      |
|                               |       |         | " " " Grace Church, Sheboygan,               | 5     | 00      |
|                               |       |         | " " " St. James' Ch, Manitowoc,              | 7     | 60      |
|                               |       |         | " " " St. Paul's Ch, Milwaukee,              | 1     | 31      |
|                               |       |         | Interest received on the above,              | 23    | 87      |
|                               |       |         |                                              | 44    | 52      |

Milwaukee, June 12, 1849.

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\$495 94

## APPENDIX H.

## STANDING COMMITTEE.

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|                                             |                      |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Rev. Benjamin Akerly, <i>President</i> .    | J. B. Doe, Esq.      |
| Rev. T. J. Ruger.                           | Cyrus Hawley, Esq.   |
| Rev. David Keene, B. D., <i>Secretary</i> . | Allen W. Hatch, Esq. |
| Rev. James Abercrombie.                     | J. E. Cowles, Esq.   |

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TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Hyatt Smith, Esq. | Hon. John Catlin.           |
| J. B. Doe, Esq.      | J. Albert Helfenstein, Esq. |
| John R. Phelps, Esq. |                             |

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## BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Bishop, together with the Standing Committee, constitute the Board of Missions for the Diocese.

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TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY.

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| The Rev. F. W. Hatch,     | Isaac J. Ullman, Esq. |
| The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt. |                       |

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## DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rev. Benjamin Akerly,    | J. A. Helfenstein, Esq. |
| Rev. Stephen McHugh,     | J. B. Doe, Esq.         |
| Rev. Stephen C. Millett, | A. Hyatt Smith, Esq.    |
| Rev. James Lloyd Breck,  | Allen W. Hatch, Esq.    |

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## SUPPLEMENTARY DEPUTIES.

|                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rev. Ebenezer Williams, | Benjamin H. Edgerton, Esq.          |
| Rev. Melancthon Hoyt,   | H. T. Woodward, Jr., Esq.           |
| Rev. Samuel K. Miller,  | Daniel Bread, <i>Oneida Chief</i> . |
| Rev. E. A. Greenleaf,   | William Lupton, Esq.                |

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## STATED COLLECTIONS.

Diocesan Missions, Collections to be made *Quarterly*.

Convention Fund, Collections to be made *Annually*.

Episcopal Fund, Collections to be made on *Christmas Day*, and on *Easter Sunday*.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS DIOCESE.

The following proposed Amendments of the Constitution of this Diocese, have been approved of by the Convention of 1849, and lie over to the next Annual Convention, for final action thereupon: (*the italicized words show the proposed amendments:*)

#### ARTICLE III.

Sec. 2. Every Clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese and having charge of some Parish, (or officiating as a missionary within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy or seminary of learning constituted or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the Navy or Army of the United States,) shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention. *In every case, however, where a Clergyman is not able to hold a cure of souls, arising from bodily infirmity, or age, he shall not for such cause be excluded from a seat in this Convention.*

Sec. 3. The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four Deputies from each Congregation in this Diocese, in union with this Convention, *who shall be either Communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, or shall have been baptized by the office and ministry of the same*, a certificate of whose appointment shall be signed by either the Minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the Vestry, and laid before the Convention, before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

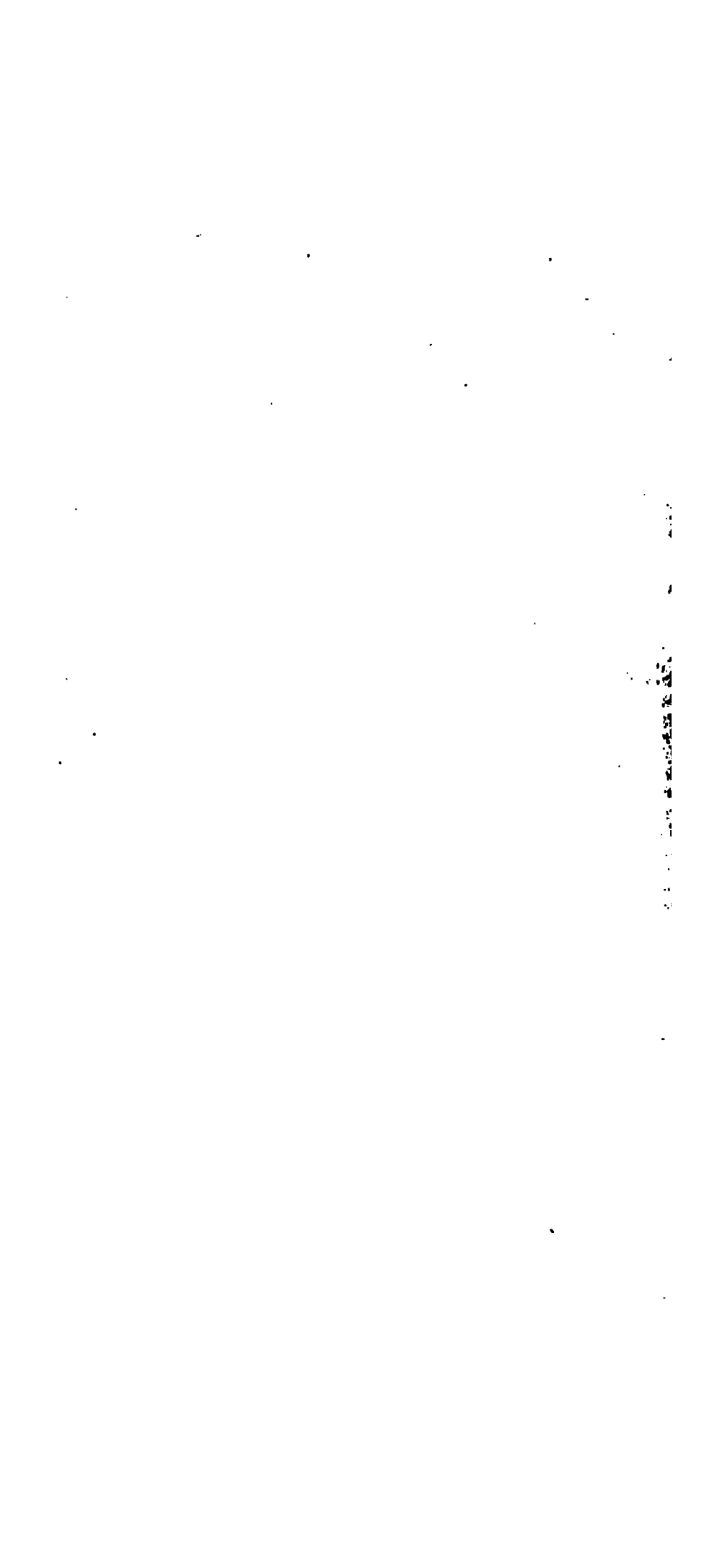
#### ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 2. The said Presbyters must be *of those entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese.*

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. At every Annual Convention *prior to the regular Triennial meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America*, four Clerical, and four Lay Deputies, shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese in said Convention.

Sec. 6. *In case any vacancy or vacancies, shall occur among either the Deputies, or Supplimentary Deputies, then such vacancy or vacancies shall be supplied by the Annual Diocesan Convention.*



# Organization and Incorporation

OF

## Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

### DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

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The Committee appointed by the Diocesan Convention of 1849 "to obtain a correct interpretation of the Act providing for the Incorporation of Church Parishes, and, to append to the Journal, full instructions as to every step necessary to be taken in the *Organization and Incorporation* of Parishes," respectfully report :

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## Organization.

No Parish or Church is ever organized except with the intention, sooner or later, of obtaining the services of a Clergyman to minister at its altar. Care should, therefore, be taken not to interfere with the canonical rights of any other Clergyman by organizing within the bounds of his Parish.

Parish boundaries are thus defined, by *General Canon XXXI. of 1832* :—

"Where parish boundaries are not defined by law or otherwise, each city, borough, village, town or township, in which there is one Protestant Episcopal Church or Congregation, or more than one such Church or Congregation, shall be held, for all the purposes of this Canon, to be the parish or parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Clergyman or Clergymen having charge of said Church or Churches, Congregation or Congregations."

The same Canon forbids any Clergyman, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, to officiate, "either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise," within the boundaries above mentioned, "unless he have received express permission for that purpose from the Minister of the Parish or cure, or, in his absence, from the Churchwardens and Vestrymen." And if there be two or more organized parishes within the above defined boundaries, then "the consent of

the major number of the Parochial Clergy of the said Churches" or parishes must be obtained.

The first step, therefore, to be taken, when about to organize a Parish is :

1st. Obtain the consent, in writing, of the minister, or ministers, within whose parochial bounds it is proposed to organize a new Parish.

This consent will prevent the possibility, on the part of the minister, who may be called to the new parish, of his being presented for violating the requirements of the General Canon above referred to. —[Diocesan Canon VI, Sec. 1.]

Consent having been obtained to organize ; or, if the proposed Parish or Church is not within the canonical bounds of another Parish, then :—

2d. Let those interested meet ; decide upon the name or title, by which their Parish or Church shall be known, and elect "two Wardens, and, at least, three Vestrymen."—[Diocesan Constitution, Article X.]

3d. Draw up a Constitution for the Parish ; in which Constitution there must be an Article, expressly acceding "to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and, to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin."—[Diocesan Constitution, Article X.]

NOTE.—On page 27 of this Journal there is a CONSTITUTION FOR PARISHES, put forth by the Convention, which may be adopted.

4th. Give notice of your organization to the Bishop of the Diocese, asking him to take the Parish under his Episcopal charge.

The *Organization* of the Parish is now complete and canonical ;

as decided upon as the name or title by  
Church or congregation shall be known in

under our hands and seals in (the town), this            day  
year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and

A. B. (l. s.)  
Presiding Officer.  
H. K. (l. s.)  
L. M. (l. s.)

The above Certificate must be acknowledged  
officer authorized to take acknowledgment  
in the same manner as deeds shall by law  
acknowledged at the time of taking such acknowl-

This Certificate, thus acknowledged, must be  
by the County Register and by him recorded,  
in the *Church or Congregation has become a Body*  
*etc.*

arish, Church or Congregation which had existed for twelve  
is an *Ecclesiastical* organization in *union with the Protest-*  
*epal Church* in the Diocese of Wisconsin, has now become,  
in, a body *Corporate*, entitled to hold real estate, &c. &c.,  
in name, and may, on application, be admitted into *union*  
*Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Dio-*  
*Wisconsin*, agreeably to Article X of the Constitution of the

Committee, in concluding their labours, would state; that,  
the "Instructions" have been submitted for examination to the  
Judge G. Miller, Judge of the United States District Court;  
Committee are permitted to say, that, in the opinion of Judge  
these Instructions are in accordance with the requirements  
of the Church and of the Act of the Legislature, and  
every step necessary to be taken in the Organization and In-  
of Parishes of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Di-  
Wisconsin.

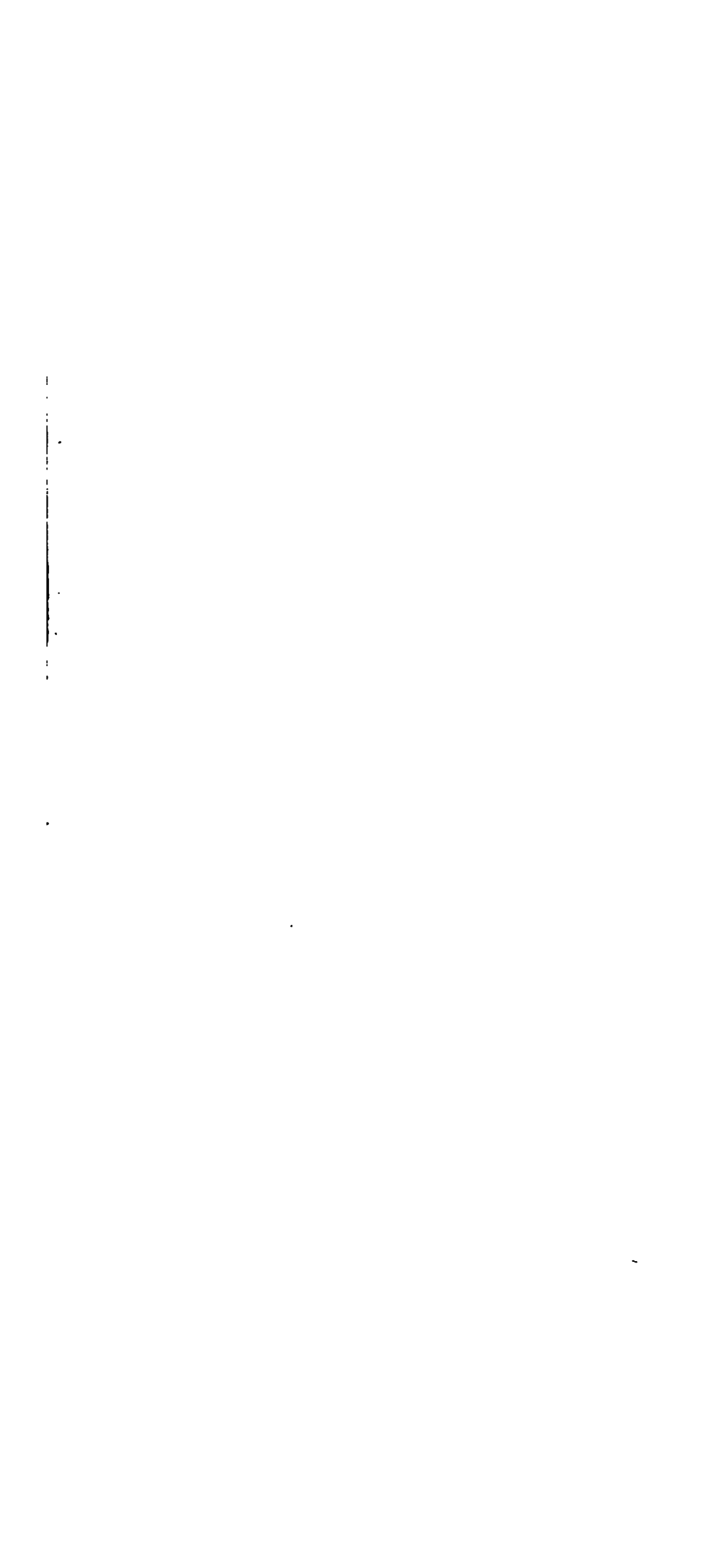
re, March 11, 1850.

BENJAMIN AKERLY,  
DAVID KEENE,  
J. E. COWLES.









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HOLDEN IN  
**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, KENOSHA,**  
**JUNE 12TH AND 13TH, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,**  
**1850,**  
**WITH APPENDICES.**

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**List of the Clergy**  
**OF THE**  
**Protestant Episcopal Church,**

**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,**

**JUNE 12, A. D., 1850.**

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- Rt. Rev. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D.,** Bishop in charge  
of the Diocese, P. O. Delafield.
- \*Rev. JAMES ABERCROMBIE,** Rector of St. Matthias'  
Church, Waukesha.
- Rev. WILLIAM ADAMS,** Professor of Theology at Nasho-  
tah; P. O. Delafield.
- Rev. BENJAMIN AKERLY,** Rector of St. Paul's Church,  
Milwaukee.
- Rev. WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG, B. D.,** Rector of St. Al-  
ban's Church, Lisbon.
- \*Rev. GEORGE R. BARTLETT, B. D.,** officiating at Green  
Lake, Marquette County.
- Rev. JAMES LLOYD BRECK.**
- Rev. AZEL D. COLE,** Rector of St. Luke's Church, Ra-  
cine.
- Rev. SOLOMON DAVIS,** residing at Green Bay.
- \*Rev. L. WILSON DAVIS,** Rector of Grace Church, She-  
boygan.
- \*Rev. JAMES DE PUI,** Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral  
Point.

Rev. E. A. GREENLEAF, Rector of St. Matthew's Church,  
Kenosha.

Rev. OTIS HACKETT, Deacon.

\*Rev. FRANKLIN R. HAFF, B. D. Rector of Hobart Church  
Oneida Indians, Duck Creek.

Rev. FREDERICK W. Hatch, residing at Kenosha.

Rev. WILLIAM HOMMANN, Rector of Christ Church, Green  
Bay.

\*Rev. MELANCTHON HOYT, Rector of St. Paul's Church,  
Watertown.

Rev. DAVID KEENE, B. D., Rector of St. John's Church,  
Milwaukee.

\*Rev. STEPHEN McHUGH, Rector of Christ Church, Del-  
avan.

Rev. JOHN McNAMARA, Deacon.

Rev. WILLIAM MARKOF, Rector of St. Silvanus' Church,  
Nashotah Lakes; P. O. Delafield.

\*Rev. STEPHEN C. MILLETT, Rector of St. Paul's Church,  
Beloit.

\*Rev. THOMAS J. RUGER, Rector of Trinity Church,  
Janesville.

Rev. MARTIN F. SORENSEN, B. D., Rector of the Scan-  
dinavian Parish, Pine Lake; and of St. Olof's Church,  
Asheppun; P. O. Delafield.

\*Rev. JOSHUA SWEET, officiating at Fond du Lac.

Rev. EBENEZER WILLIAMS, officiating in Grant County.

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*Residing within the Diocese.*

Rev. AARON AUMPHREY, Beloit, (of New York.)

Rev. ELEAZER WILLIAMS, deacon, Green Bay, (of N. Y.)

Total number of Clergy, 26.

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\*Missionary of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions.

**List of Organized Parishes,**  
**OF THE**  
**Protestant Episcopal Church,**  
**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.**

JUNE 12, A. D. 1850.

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- CHRIST CHURCH, GREEN BAY.**—Organized Sept. 16, 1829;  
The Rev. William Hommann, Rector.
- ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.**—May 23, 1838; The  
Rev. Benjamin Akerly, Rector.
- HOBART CHURCH, DUCK CREEK.**—Sept. 1838; The Rev.  
Franklin R. Haff, B. D., Rector.
- ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, KENOSHA.**—April, 1840; The  
Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, Rector.
- ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BELOIT.**—February 26, 1841; The  
Rev. Stephen C. Millett, Rector.
- ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS, ELKHORN.**—  
October, 1841; Vacant.
- ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WHITEWATER.**—March 28, 1842;  
Vacant.
- ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, LISBON.**—October 2, 1842; The  
Rev. William C. Armstrong, B. D., Rector.
- ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, RACINE.**—1842; The Rev. Azel D.  
Cole, Rector.



ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, WAUKESHA.—February 24, 1844;  
The Rev. James Abercrombie, Rector.

SCANDINAVIAN CHURCH, PINE LAKE.—March 3, 1844;  
The Rev. Martin F. Sorensen, B. D., Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, JANESVILLE.—Sept. 4, 1844; The Rev.  
Thomas J. Ruger, Rector.

ST. OLOF'S CHURCH, ASHEPPUN.—Dec'r. 8, 1844; The  
Rev. Martin F. Sorensen, B. D., Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH, DELAVAN.—1844; The Rev. Stephen  
McHugh, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, MINERAL POINT.—Sept. 1845; The  
Rev. James De Pui, Rector.

GRACE CHURCH, MADISON.—January, 1846; Vacant.

CHRIST CHURCH, FOX LAKE.—February 10, 1846; Va-  
cant.

ST. SILVANUS' CHURCH, NASHOTAH LAKES.—February  
24, 1846; The Rev. William Markoe, Rector.

ZION CHURCH, OCONOMOWOC.—August, 1846; Vacant.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, NORTH PRAIRIE.—Nov. 22, 1846;  
Vacant.

TRINITY CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.—January 7, 1847; Va-  
cant.

GRACE CHURCH, SHEBOYGAN.—April 4, 1847; The Rev.  
L. Wilson Davis, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN.—April, 1847; Vacant.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.—June 7, 1847; The  
Rev. David Keene, B. D., Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WATERTOWN.—June 7, 1847; The  
Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, Rector.

OUR SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, ASHEPPUN.—August 19, 1847.—  
Vacant.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WARREN.—Nov. 1, 1847; Vacant.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MANITOOWOC.—February 28, 1848; Vacant.

CHRIST CHURCH, GREEN LAKE.—April 22, 1849; The Rev. George R. Bartlett, B. D., Missionary.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FOND DU LAC.—Sept. 4, 1849; The Rev. Joshua Sweet, Rector.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, GENEVA.—January 20, 1850; Vacant.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OZAUKEE.—Vacant.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, BLOOMFIELD.—Vacant.

Number of Organized Parishes—33.



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**KENOSHA, *Wednesday, June 12th, 1850.***

This being the time and place appointed for holding the **Fourth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church**, in the Diocese of Wisconsin, a number of the **Clergy** of the Diocese, and **Deputies** from **Parishes** canonically entitled to seats, assembled at 10½ o'clock, A. M., in **St. Matthew's Church**, Kenosha, formerly Southport.

The Convention was opened "with the **Public Common Prayer** of the Church, the celebration of the **Lord's Supper**, and a **Sermon** by a **Presbyter**, appointed by the **Bishop**."

**Morning Prayer** was read by the **Rev. John A. Merrick** and the **Rev. John McNamara**, **Deacons**. The **Convention sermon** was preached by the **Rev. T. J. Ruger**. The **Holy Communion** was administered by the **Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper**, **D. D.** assisted by the **Rev. T. J. Ruger**, and the **Rev. Messrs. J. A. Merrick**, and **J. McNamara**, **Deacons**.

Divine Service ended, the Convention was called to order; the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop in Charge of the Diocese, in the Chair.

The Secretary then proceeded, from a list furnished him by the Bishop, to call the names of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, when the following answered as

*Present.*—The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., the Rev. Messrs. William Adams, Benjamin Akerly, William C. Armstrong, B. D., Azel D. Cole, E. A. Greenleaf, Stephen McHugh, Stephen C. Millett, Thomas J. Ruger.

Certificates of Deputies elected to this Convention were received from the following Parishes:

*St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.*—Francis Randall, John W. Medberry, J. Albert Helfenstein, Hon. Andrew G. Miller.

*St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha.*—Benjamin C. Adams, John R. Phelps, A. Groesbeck, H. Tuttle.

*St. Luke's Church, Racine.*—Philo White, Alva Brown, Champion S. Chase, Shelton L. Hall.

*Trinity Church, Janesville.*—J. B. Doe, E. L. Roberts, J. J. R. Pease, A. H. Smith.

*Christ Church, Delavan.*—Charles Emmet Griffin.

*St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes.*—Samuel R. Kemper.

*St. John's Church, Milwaukee.*—James B. Martin, William H. Cross, Lindsey Ward.

*Church of the Holy Communion, Geneva.*—Dr. Clarkson Miller.

On motion,

The Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock, this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, }  
June 12th, 2 o'clock. }

First day's session resumed.

The names of Deputies to this Convention having been called, the following answered as

*Present*—Francis Randall, John W. Medberry, J. Albert Helfenstein, A. G. Miller, Benjamin C. Adams, John R. Phelps, A. Groesbeck, Philo White, Alva Brown, Champion S. Chase, Shelton L. Hall, J. B. Doe, E. L. Roberts, Charles E. Griffin, Samuel R. Kemper, William H. Cross, Clarkson Miller.

On motion,

The Rev. Benjamin Akerly was chosen Secretary.

On motion,

The Secretary was authorized to appoint an Assistant.

Whereupon the Rev. Azel D. Cole was appointed Assistant Secretary.

On motion,

Mr. F. W. Loudon was admitted as a Deputy from Trinity Church, Janesville.

On motion,

Mr. William H. Whiting, and Mr. Samuel Allen, of the Church of the Holy Communion, Bloomfield, were invited to honorary seats in this Convention.

On motion,

The Clergy present from other Dioceses, were invited to honorary seats in this Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Gustaf Unonius, B. D. rector of St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago, the Rev Solon W. Manney, rector of St. Paul's Church, La Porte, Indiana, and the Rev. John A. Merrick, Deacon of Minnesota, took seats.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed draft Rules of Order for this Convention.

Whereupon the Chair appointed the Rev. S. McHugh and the Messrs. Francis Randall and J. Albert Helfstein, said Committee.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed suggest the Order of Business for this Convention.

Whereupon the Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Adams and E. A. Greenleaf, and Mr. Philo White, as Committee.

Application was made by the Parish of St. Paul Church, Fond du Lac, to be admitted into union with the Convention.

Referred to Messrs. A. Brown, B. C. Adams, and L. Hall, as a Committee on the admission of Parishes.

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D. Bishop in Charge of the Diocese, read his Annual Address.

### A D D R E S S :

DEAR BRETHREN:

As the General Convention is to be held next October at Cincinnati, I believe you will all agree with me that our "condensed report" and "tabular view" of the state of the Church in this Diocese should be most carefully and accurately prepared; and that our Bishop and Clergy may know their duty and be enabled to perform it faithfully, I will begin this address by soliciting your attention to part of the VIII Canon of 1841. The first section is in these words: "As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered, that every minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to the Bishop

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<sup>2</sup>Canon VIII, Sec. 5, of Gen. Conv. of 1841.

“of the Diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals, and of the number of Communicants in the Parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same. And every other Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall also report the occasional services he may have performed; and if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, may be read in Convention, and shall be entered on the Journals thereof.”

The second section is as follows: “At every Annual Diocesan Convention, the Bishop shall deliver an address, stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention; the names of the Churches which he has visited; the number of persons confirmed: the names of those who have been received as candidates for orders, and of those who have been ordained, suspended or degraded; the changes by death, removal, or otherwise, which have taken place among the Clergy; and in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese, which Address shall be inserted on the Journals.”

In compliance with this excellent Canon, I respectfully state that since our last Convention, which adjourned the 14th June, 1849, my visitations and acts have been as follows:

On the 17th June I visited *St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha*, when I preached twice, and administered the Holy Communion, and delivered an address on Confirmation. Four persons renewed the solemn promises of their Baptism, and were exhorted by me to persevere in holiness unto their lives' end.

After having attended the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Indiana and visited for the last time several of its Parishes, with all of which I had been connected from their first beginnings, I returned to Wisconsin in time to assist the Rector of *St. Paul's, Milwaukee*, in the solemn services of Friday, 3d August, which had been set apart by the Civil Authority, as a National Fast on account of the Cholera.

The following Sunday I preached twice at *Nashotah* and adminis-



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tered the Eucharist. During the remainder of the month I was at home constantly occupied with the concerns of the important Theological School in my neighborhood, writing up an extensive correspondence, and attending to the various duties which necessarily devolve upon me from my office. On the 24th there was at my residence a meeting of the Standing Committee, whom I wished to consult as a council of advice. On the three Sundays, 12th, 19th and 26th, I relieved the Rev. Mr. Breck, from some of his arduous duties by administering the Lord's Supper and preaching twice each of those days.

I started the 1st of September to visit the East, and on my way spent a Sunday at Milwaukee, where I officiated three times, for I preached at St. John's both morning and afternoon, and at St. Paul's at night. I likewise administered the Lord's Supper at St. John's.

There were two Candidates for the ministry belonging to Wisconsin, who pursued their studies at the General Theological Seminary in New York. At the earnest request of some friends, I had consented that *Mr. John McNamara* should be ordained before he had completed his course; and he was accordingly admitted to Deacons' orders, at my request, by Bishop Whittingham. The other, *Mr. William Markoe*, had finished his studies, and to gratify an "honorable woman," his inestimable mother, to whom our Diocese is greatly indebted for many acts of kindness, I admitted, after due examination, her son to the ministry, at Philadelphia, on the 7th of September, in St. James' Church. The following Sunday was spent with a very dear and old friend, the Rev. Dr. Wm. A. Muhlenberg, now Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, in New York.—He and his congregation are deeply interested in our welfare and have expressed that interest in many ways. I preached for him in the morning. And at night at a highly gratifying Missionary Meeting, when pastor and people gave up for the far west one of their cherished members, I delivered a long address on the wants and prospects of our important Diocese.

Another Sunday was passed in Philadelphia, when I preached at St. Stephen's, Trinity, and the Church of the Ascension. At this visit I saw many persons, who have cherished and will continue to cherish a lively interest in our prosperity. On the 30th of Sept. I

was at Pittsburg, (where I preached twice for Dr. Upfold and once for the Rev. Mr. Preston,) from whence we have been often kindly remembered. While passing through from Philadelphia, I did not officiate at Baltimore, but spent a day there with one of my earliest friends, from whose Parish there is remitted to me means to sustain one of our fellow-laborers, who is not connected with the Board of Missions.

Nearly the whole of October was devoted to a visitation of Iowa.

I was at *Mineral Point* the 2d November, where I preached and confirmed four persons. *Trinity Church* is not yet finished, although it is occupied by the Congregation for public worship. The Rev. Ebenezer Williams has resigned the Parish, and is now living in Grant County with the intention of officiating at Platteville and other places, and of extending his visits occasionally to *Prairie du Chien*. The Rev. James De Pui, late of Dubuque in Iowa, has now charge of the Parish.

The important station of *Madison* continues unsupplied. It presents an inviting field to a young Clergyman of education and talents. The organization of *Grace Church* continues, and it has some zealous members, who own a fine lot for the erection of an edifice for Public Worship. I was here Sunday the 4th November. We had two services—Eleven persons participated of the Communion, and an infant was baptised.

On the 7th November *St. Paul's Church, Watertown* was Consecrated to the Worship of Almighty God, to the great joy of its zealous Rector. The building is small, but very neat and in good taste. It is now, I am happy to say, out of debt. The success that has attended this effort, proves how desirable it is in every rapidly growing village there should, if possible, be a resident Clergyman entirely devoted to the interests of the Parish. As there was a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese at the same time, we had the presence and assistance of the Rev. Messrs. Ruger, Akerly and Keene.

Sunday 2d December, I visited *St. Alban's, Lisbon*, preached and administered the Holy Communion. The Rev. William C. Armstrong devotes himself almost entirely to this Parish, and there is much reason to believe that the result will be as gratifying to him as

to us, in the steady growth of his congregation in all that is lovely and of good report.

After a most unexpected delay, the time at last arrived when the Rev. Dr. George Upfold, Bishop elect of Indiana, was to be consecrated to his arduous and responsible office. I hesitated not to obey the summons of affection, although I was not included in the commission of the Presiding Bishop; and by uniting in the solemn act, which took place on the Third Sunday in Advent, at Indianapolis, the connection of very deep interest, which had existed between myself and the Churchmen of Indiana, for fourteen years, was dissolved.

Blessed with health, and delighting at every opportunity of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, I officiate when at home in the Parishes which are near me; and as Milwaukee is the starting place for various portions of the Diocese, I am necessarily there very frequently throughout the year. It is scarcely desirable, I presume, to record every instance when I do no more than assist the Rector or Missionary in the performance of his customary duties, I will here state, however, that by travelling all night, I arrived in time, on my return from the consecration, to assist the Rector of St. Paul's, Milwaukee, in the delightful services of the Festival of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the 27th of January, 1850, I visited *Fond du Lac* where a Parish has been organized by the Rev. Joshua Sweet, who has been transferred from Maryland to this diocese. So much aid has been promised to the Churchmen of this rapidly growing place, that if they do not erect at an early day a house of prayer, the fault I fear will be very much owing to their want of zeal. Here there were twelve recipients of the Holy Communion. I preached twice and at the request of the Rector baptised three infants. That night we had a service at *Taycheedah*, which was well attended.

The night of the 28th I preached at *Mayville*, the Rev. Mr. Sweet reading prayers. This place, you are aware, promises to be one of no little importance in consequence of its vicinity to the iron mines. The next night I preached at Horicon, where and in its neighborhood are families attached to the Church. At *Waupun* I baptized five children and preached. At *Rosendale* we had two services, for

the Rev. Mr. Hoyt had joined me at Mayville and kindly travelled with me for some days, until he was obliged to return to attend to the Sunday duties of his Parish. Here, at Rosendale, although scarcely more than a farming district, the Churchmen have frequently assembled for Lay Reading. I baptized three children, and made arrangements with Mr. Hoyt to visit this and some other places monthly, until the Meeting of Convention, as a Diocesan Missionary.

I found *Oshkosh* a large and growing place, on the banks of Lake Winnebago. Here there are several church families from Vermont, who are quite anxious to enjoy the privileges they once possessed in their native State. I solemnized a marriage, preached twice, baptized an infant, and administered the Lord's Supper to five persons.

Being compelled to pass a night at *Neenah*, on the Fox River, I had an appointment for Divine Service, which was well attended and at which, to judge from the responses, there were several persons present well acquainted with the Prayer Book.

*Green Bay* as a village is evidently reviving, while our congregation is gradually gaining in strength. We had three services in the Church, one at *Depere*, and one at *Fort Howard*, which after having been long abandoned, is again occupied by troops. I preached on all these occasions, and at the last service which was held the night of Sunday, 10th February, the Apostolic rite of Confirmation was received by eight candidates.

The greater part of two days was devoted to *Duck Creek*. On Saturday morning there was Public Worship, when, after the solemn celebration of the service in the Oneida language, I preached through the Interpreter. That evening the Chiefs met me as a body of Vestrymen, and after having promised to set apart a portion of land for a Cemetery, I assured them that as soon as it was duly enclosed, I would return to consecrate it. The new Missionary, our excellent brother Haff, had the gratification of presenting eighteen persons to be confirmed, on Sunday morning. Amidst many trials and privations, he has nobly persevered, and I trust he will still do so, to the spiritual benefit of this interesting people; for great, he may rest assured, will be the reward of his faithfulness. Here let me mention, to the praise of these children of the forest, now con-

verted and in their right minds, that they are solemn in their behavior when at Church, and peculiarly reverential when they approach the Lord's Table, and that a veil or a glove is never seen when they receive the Communion "into their hands," according to the Rubrics. Many as usual participated in the Lord's Supper at this visitation. In the various duties of the day, I was assisted not only by the present, but the late Missionary. The interest of the Rev. S. Davis in the welfare of this people, continues apparently unabated, although his feeble health seldom permits him to officiate. At the close of the service, and before we left the Chancel, almost every man, woman and child came up in Christian simplicity to shake hands with their spiritual Pastors and guides, and thereby to express their gratitude and affection. Nor was I suffered to leave the nation until there was paid to me for the Treasurer, the contributions which our Canons require for the Episcopal Fund, Diocesan Missions, and the expenses of the Convention.

The station at *Manitoowoc* is still unsupplied, to my great regret, for it presents a field of great usefulness and much interest. There are several Church families there and in the neighborhood. I preached the night of the 12th; and the next day, at the residence of a respectable Irish gentleman, some miles up the river. I baptized an infant, churched his mother, and administered the Lord's Supper to nine members of the same family. That night we had worship at *Manitoowoc Rapids*.

I reached *Sheboygan Falls* in time to officiate there at night.—The next day was spent with the Rev. L. Wilson Davis, for whom, at *Sheboygan*, I preached twice and confirmed 6 persons.

Sunday the 17th was devoted to *Port Washington* now called *Ozaukee*. In the upper room occupied by the congregation, I administered the Lord's Supper and preached both at Morning and Evening Prayer. A third service was held at night in a private residence, when I baptized the son of the Missionary, and after public worship, spoke to the people on the importance of Infant Baptism. This station is now vacant as the Rev. S. K. Miller left it, the beginning of April, and has since been transferred to the Diocese of Western New York. The labor which has been bestowed upon this place, will not, we trust in God, be in vain. I have never despaired of

any station, where the banner of the Cross has been unfurled by one of our Clergy; and, by the grace of God, I never will.

My visitation of *St. Silvanus' Parish* was held Sunday, 24th of February, when six young Candidates assumed their baptismal vows in the presence of God and of His Church. I preached and administered the Eucharist. On this occasion the Rev. Mr. Sorensen presented his infant son for Baptism.

On the 3rd of March I was at *St. Luke's, Racine*. Here I found the Rev. Azel D. Cole, who had been transferred from Michigan to this Diocese, officiating to a united and interested people. I preached twice, visited and addressed the pupils of the flourishing Sunday School, administered the Lord's Supper and confirmed six persons.

In company with the Rev. Mr. Greenleaf I started the next morning at an early hour, and by means of his swift horse was enabled to fulfil an appointment at *Johnstown*. In this immediate vicinity there are Churchmen, who ought, if possible, to enjoy the privileges of the Sanctuary of the most High God. The following night I officiated at *Whitewater*, while Mr. Greenleaf went fifteen miles further to preach at Jefferson. The next morning was appointed for the Celebration of the Holy Communion at Whitewater, but owing to a storm the Congregation was quite small, and but four persons received the memorials of their Saviour's love. I preached and baptized an infant. This flourishing village is but eleven miles from Johnstown and nine from Fort Atkinson and should be the centre of the labors of a faithful Missionary.

The same night I was at *Janesville*. Here the Missionary presented at the Chancel eight candidates for the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands, among whom was a former Baptist preacher, but then a Candidate for Holy Orders, and a blind gentleman who having been educated in New York has lately been placed at the head of an Institution just organized by our State Legislature, for the instruction of those who have been deprived of their sight.

The night of the 7th, I preached at *Beloit*; and on the following day licensed Mr. L. R. Humphrey, a Candidate for Orders, to act as a Lay Reader as long as the health of our excellent brother, the Rev. S. C. Millet remains feeble and he requires assistance.

Mr. Greenleaf left me within the bounds of the then mission of the Rev. John McNamara, and returned home to perform his Sunday duties. At *Elkhorn* I baptized an infant whose parents had already started for California and whose venerable grandfather is one of the most exemplary members of the Church of the Living God; preached, and administered the Lord's Supper to nine recipients. The Evening Service [of Sunday, 10th of March,) was celebrated at *Geneva* where I confirmed four persons and preached. That night I was at Bloomfield, on the Prairie, where, since my last visit, a temporary but quite tasteful chapel had been erected, and where I not only preached but administered the Eucharist, as the Rev. Mr. McNamara was in Deacons' Orders.

Two or three days were spent at Milwaukee, and on Sunday, the 17th of March I visited St. Paul's Parish and confirmed twelve persons. On the morning of that day and in the same Church I admitted the *Rev. Wm. Markoe to the order of the Priesthood*. The Rev. Messrs Akerly and Keene presented him and assisted at the Ordination, having previously aided me at his examination.

On the 27th of March, the Rev. Geo. R. Bartlett met me at *Fox Lake*, where I preached in the evening. The next night I preached at *Little Green Lake*. The following night I was at *Marquette*, a small village on Lake Puckaway, an expanse of Fox River. At these three places, and particularly at the last, where Public Worship had never before been celebrated "according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church," the audience appeared to be well acquainted with the service. The next night I preached at Ripon, a place which from its valuable water power may become important, and where I selected with Judge Horner and Mr. Mapes two lots which I was assured should be made over to me in trust for the benefit of a future congregation.

On the Glorious Festival of our Lord's Resurrection I officiated in the morning at Mr. Bartlett's station, *Green Lake*, where I baptized two children, preached, and administered the Eucharist to eleven persons. Here I was promised that if I would return the 23rd of this month there should be a small chapel ready for Consecration.

That Afternoon I preached at *Dartford*, a place that ought to be attended to by the Church without delay. Here there were five communicants.

I heard of Churchmen in neighboring settlements and villages; and I knew some who had already gone into the country lately purchased from the Menominees, and others who contemplate going,—but my appointments were such that I had to return. And yet it must be evident to you all, that the Church will never fulfil her high duties and most solemn commission, until her ministers accompany the hardy pioneer to the forests and the uncultivated prairies.

Travelling towards *Beaver Dam*, where I preached the night of the 1st of April, visited and prayed with a sick communicant, and received earnest solicitations for a renewal of the services of the Church, I stopped long enough at *Fox Lake* to baptize three children.

I now visited *St. Paul's Church, Watertown*, preached and confirmed three persons. It was my intention, according to promise, to hold an ordination at this time and place, but, and not for the first time, there had to be a postponement in consequence of the attendance of but one Presbyterian. The times are now peculiarly important and to some extent alarming. There have been perverts who have renounced their orders and fallen victims to the idolatrous practices and unfounded claims of Rome. It is evidently then the duty of all of us, and particularly of the Clergy, to watch the avenues to the ministry with the utmost care, and to see that no one is sent forth as an herald of the Cross, who is not, as an able minister, thoroughly prepared to oppose error and defend the truth.

On Sunday morning, April 7th, *Christ Church, Delavan*, in Walworth County, was consecrated by me. In the services of the day, the Rev. S. McHugh, the Missionary, with the Rev. Messrs. Millett and McNamara united. The building, although not entirely finished, is out of debt, and does much credit to the enterprise and zeal of the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen. I preached twice, baptized two infants, confirmed four persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

The next night I held an Ordination, a case of necessity, at *Janesville*. The Rev. Messrs. Ruger, Hoyt and Millett being present and assisting, I admitted the Rev. George R. Bartlett to Priests' Orders. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Hoyt.



On the 9th I started for Iowa from which I did not return until the next month.

The 3rd of May according to appointment, the Rev. Mr. Millett met me at Decatur, in Green County: in the neighborhood thereof, at the house of Mr. Kitel, I preached and confirmed two persons. I look forward to the day when not far from the residence of this zealous family, a congregation will be collected and the worship of Almighty God duly celebrated.

Some days were now spent in Rock County. At *Belait* I preached five times, and laid hands upon seven candidates for Confirmation.— The Festival of our Lord's Ascension was likewise spent here, when I again preached and administered the Eucharist to twenty persons. At *Janesville* I delivered three discourses, and after due examination Mr. Otis Hackett was admitted by me to Deacons' Orders on Sunday the 12th of May.

Sunday, the 19th, I visited *St. John's, Milwaukee*, where I preached twice, administered the Eucharist, and confirmed four persons.— That night I preached at *St. Paul's*.

Sunday, the 26th I supplied the place of the Rev. Mr. Markoe, at *St. Sylvanus' Parish*, while he officiated at *Waukesha* in consequence of the absence of the Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.

The 2nd June I read morning and evening Prayer at *Fort Atkinson* and preached both times. A third service was celebrated the same Lord's day at *Jefferson* where I preached to a large audience among whom were several persons acquainted with the Prayer-Book.

I have attended to the examinations of Mr. George F. Richards with the Rev. Messrs. Adams and Sorensen, and hope to admit him to-morrow morning to Deacons' orders in your presence.

Last week I went to *Walworth County* and preached Saturday night, 8th June, at the Chapel of the Holy Communion, on *Bloomfield Prairie*. The next morning at an early hour we had Morning Prayer, when an adult was baptized, and I delivered an address to the candidates for confirmation. At 10 o'clock, when we again assembled for Public Worship, after the Litany and the Ante-Communion, six young persons avouched the Lord to be their God, in the impressive ordinance of the Laying on of Hands. I there preached and ad-

ministered the Lord's Supper to about fifteen persons. At the Evening Prayer which began at three o'clock I preached and baptized six children. Through the kindness of Dr. C. Miller, brother to a faithful clergyman who lately rested from his labors in Connecticut, I was enabled to close the day by celebrating Divine Service and preaching at *Geneva*. These two places as well as Elkhorn enjoyed for some time the acceptable service of Mr. McNamara. He has suddenly left them, although not until decided efforts had been made at both villages to secure subscriptions towards the building of a Church at each place. I had not time to go to Elkhorn, but trust I shall learn that, like the Churchmen at Geneva, though cast down by their deprivation, they are not discouraged. I was assured that all necessary preparation should be made this year in collecting lumber &c., for the erection of a Church next spring. What I have already recorded of last Sunday, proves that the indefatigable and devoted Mr. Whiting has not relaxed his efforts for the spiritual benefit of himself, his family and his neighbors.

A second visitation of *St. Luke's, Racine*, having been requested, I spent yesterday there. It being the Festival of St. Barnabas, there were prayers in the Church during the morning, when the Rector baptized an adult and three children, and as there were two persons present who wished to be confirmed, and could not remain until the night service as they resided some distance in the country, I readily complied with their request and enabled them to ratify, after a short address, their Baptismal promise and vow. This parish has lately by a noble effort paid off a debt of \$2,200, which had for a long time retarded its growth. It will now press forward I trust with youthful vigor in every good work. The report of the Rector will show its united and improved state. At night, prayers being read by the Rev. Mr. Merrick who is on his way to Minnesota, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Manney, of Indiana, I confirmed six persons.

There would probably have been an ordination this morning if the Standing Committee could have met.

The following summary may be of use:

The *Rev. Samuel Marks* has been transferred to Ohio, and the *Rev. Samuel K. Miller* to Western New York.

The *Rev. Joshua Sweet* has come into this Diocese from Maryland

and is now the Missionary at Fond du Lac; the Rev. *Azel D. Cole* has removed from Michigan, and is now Rector of St. Luke's Church, Racine; and the Rev. *James De Poi* has been transferred by me from Iowa to Wisconsin and is now the missionary at Mineral Point.

The Rev. *George R. Bartlett* continues to officiate as the missionary at Green Lake, and has been admitted as already stated, to the Holy Order of Priesthood. The Rev. *James Lloyd Breck* has resigned the Presidentship of Nashotah House and the Rectorship of St. Silvanus' Parish and intends to remove to Minnesota; and the Rev. *Ebenezer Williams* has retired from Mineral Point to Grant County and has applied to the Board of Missions for an appointment, as he wishes to officiate at Platteville and other places in that County.

Of the Candidates whose names are recorded on our last Journal, Mr. *William Markoe* was admitted by me, as already stated, to Deacons' and Priests' orders, and is now Rector of the Parish of St. Silvanus, Nashotah Lakes, and Mr. John McNamara, whose ordination of Deacon I have likewise mentioned, after officiating for some months at Bloomfield and afterwards at Geneva and Elkhorn has just retired from that field of labor. The others there mentioned are still Candidates, and to them have been added five other names. One of them, however, Mr. Otis Hackett, being a scholar and having been for some time a respectable Baptist Minister, was only required to be a Candidate during six months. That period having expired, he is now in orders, and has gone, with my permission, on a visit to Iowa. The Diocesan List then contains at the present moment the following names: George F. Richards, John A. Bowman, Olof Forssin, Edward Goodnough, John O. Barton, John E. Battin, Albert Bingham, William F. G. Chadwick, George P. Schetky, Lewis A. Kemper, Ebenezer Steele Peake, Hugh Miller Thompson, and Leonard R. Humphrey.

The two Churches which I have consecrated are *St. Paul's, Watertown* and *Christ Church, Delavan*.

During the year I have baptized in the Diocese one adult and thirty-three infants.

The Confirmations have been, at Waukesha 4, Mineral Point 4,

Duck Creek 18, Green Bay 8, Sheboygan 6, St. Silvanus 6, Racine 14, Janesville 8, Geneva 4, Watertown 3, Delavan 4, Beloit 7, Green County 2, St. Paul's Milwaukee 12, St. John's Milwaukee 4, and Bloomfield 6; in all 110.

And now, Brethren! what can I say of the state of the Diocese?—Most truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few; and so small is the compensation in many cases that it is a cause of thankfulness, and I trust of devout gratitude to the great head of the Church, that so many of you have persevered amidst difficulties and poverty. Some have left us and others may go, because they could not support their families at the stations where they officiated. Perhaps my anxieties are too great. Perhaps I am too solicitous to supply all those who belong to the Church with her precious consolations, and who are now scattered through the length and breadth of the State. If the love of Christ constrains me, I know I am right; and surely we are all conscious that we cannot too highly prize an immortal soul. Can we not then as individuals, and especially as members of Parishes however poor, do much more for the cause of Christ and His Church than we ever yet have done? Already a few of our Congregations have, with God's blessing, gained such strength that besides supporting their own Rector, they might almost sustain a Missionary. And what a glorious privilege is this when properly viewed! Can we not at least increase our Diocesan Fund to such an extent that the Committee having charge thereof can employ two Itinerants, or be enabled as occasion demands and opportunity is afforded, to send out some of the stationed clergymen to those places where the members of the household of faith are perishing for the bread of life? This is a topic worthy your consideration and immediate action.

I hoped to have said much to you concerning a College or rather a Church School. But I am not fully prepared to speak of it at this time. Perhaps as an individual calling himself an Episcopalian has shown his liberality by giving \$10,000 to the Methodists for educational purposes, the compliment may one day be returned, and some one of that Denomination may by a similar gift enable us to begin an Institution that would be of inestimable value. Even with half that amount we could perform a good work.

Brethren! I would stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance. Have proper exertions been used to secure land for Churches, Glebes, and Cemeteries? Have Lay services been commenced and persevered in at all proper places? Has the sad loss of Trinity Church at Milwaukee been repaired? Are efforts making in our largest places for a second parish? We have seen and are still seeing what devoted, wholesouled laymen can accomplish, and why will not those now before me prove their love to Christ and their devotion to his cause, aye, and their sense of the inestimable benefits of Redemption, by bestowing all the time and means they can spare to lay the walls of our beloved Zion deep and broad in this beautiful land?

Praying that we may have a right judgment in all things, and that we may be constantly guided by the ever blessed spirit, I assure you of my earnest co-operation in every measure that may tend to the glory of God and the prosperity of his Church.

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The Committee on "Order of Business," for this Convention, reported:

Your Committee appointed to suggest the Order of Business for this Convention, would respectfully report:

1st.—A Committee on Deputies to this Convention.

2d.—The Bishop's Annual Address.

3d.—Unfinished business of the last Convention.

4th.—Resolutions.

5th.—Elections.

6th.—Reports of Clergy, Parishes, Standing Committee of the Diocese, &c.

7th.—Miscellaneous Business.

Very Respectfully,

WILLIAM ADAMS,

Chairman.

On motion,

The Report was accepted.

The Committee on "Rules of Order," reported:

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following Rules of Order for the government of this Convention;

1. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the Chair.

2. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave of the Chair.

3. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall with due respect address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

4. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

5. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless seconded, and when required, reduced to writing.

6. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, to lay on the table, or postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

7. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

8. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his Chair.

9. An appeal may in all cases, be taken from the decision of the President to the Convention.

10. The yeas and nays shall in all cases be taken when demanded by two members of the Convention.

Very Respectfully,  
F. RANDALL,  
Chairman.

On motion,

The Report of the Committee on "Rules of Order," was accepted, and the Rules adopted.

On motion of Mr. F. Randall,

The following was adopted as a Canon of this Diocese:

#### CANON.

At the opening of Convention, the President shall appoint Standing Committees, consisting of three members each, upon the following subjects:—

1st. A Committee on the Admission of Parishes into union with the Convention.

2d. A Committee on Diocesan Missions.

3d. A Committee on Finance, to whom shall be referred the accounts of the various Funds.

4th. A Committee on Elections, to whom shall be referred the list of Clerical and Lay members claiming seats in Convention.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees for the present Convention:

*Committee on the Admission of Parishes*—Messrs. Alva Brown, Shelton L. Hall, Benjamin C. Adams.

*Committee on Diocesan Missions*—Rev. Messrs. A. D. Cole and T. J. Ruger, and Mr. J. B. Doe.

*Committee on Finance*—Messrs. F. Randall, J. W. Medberry and J. R. Phelps.

*Committee on Elections*—Rev. Messrs. W. Adams and E. A. Greenleaf, and the Hon. A. G. Miller.

The proposed Amendments of the Constitution of this Diocese, approved of by the Convention of 1849, were taken up for final action thereupon.

The question being taken on the proposed amendment of Article III, Sec. 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese, it was *Approved*, and is now valid and obligatory.

The question being taken on the proposed amendment of Article III, Sec. 3, of the Constitution of this Diocese; it was *Lost*.

The question being taken on the proposed amendment Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Diocese; it was *Approved*, and is now valid and obligatory.

The question being taken on the proposed amendment of Article VIII, Sec's. 1 and 6, of the Constitution of this Diocese; it was *Lost*.

On motion of the Hon. A. G. Miller,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare, and have distributed among the different Parishes of this Diocese, papers for Subscription to increase the "*Episcopal Fund*." Said subscription to be in the nature of stock, of ten dollars per share, payable in sums of one dollar annually, with interest on the whole sum remaining unpaid, at seven per cent; said funds to be collected annually, on the first day of May, and brought to the Diocesan Convention, then and there to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the Hon. Andrew G. Miller, the Rev. B. Akerly, and J. W. Medberry, said Committee.

On motion of Mr. F. Randall,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to enquire and report what means are necessary to be adopted to enforce ritual uniformity in the Church in this Diocese.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. W. Adams and Stephen McHugh, and Messrs. F. Randall, A. G. Miller and Philo White, said Committee.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The Chair appointed the Rev. W. C. Armstrong and S. R. Kemper, Tellers.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

The Tellers on the votes cast for the Standing Committee, announced:—



That the Rev. Messrs. Benjamin Akerly, David Keene, William Adams and Azel D. Cole, and the Messrs. J. E. Cowles, A. W. Hatch, Cyrus Hawley and Andrew Miller, had each received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon, the Chair declared the following gentlemen as constituting the

#### STANDING COMMITTEE.

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| REV. B. AKERLY, | MR. J. E. COWLES, |
| " D. KEENE,     | " A. W. HATCH,    |
| " W. ADAMS,     | " C. HAWLEY,      |
| " A. D. COLE,   | " A. G. MILLER.   |

The Convention adjourned.

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ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Kenosha, }  
8 o'clock, P. M.

Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs S. C. Millett and G. Unonius. A Sermon was preached by the Rev. Wm. Adams.

## Second Day's Session.

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THURSDAY, June 13th, }  
8½ o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the first day's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.

Mr. J. Albert Helfenstein, Treasurer, presented the reports of the *Episcopal, Missionary, and Convention Funds*, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The "*Committee on the Admission of Parishes*," reported:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the application of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, to be admitted into union with this Convention, beg leave to report in favour of the application; said Parish having complied with all the requirements of Article X, of the Constitution of this Diocese, on the Admission of Parishes.

Very respectfully,

ALVA BROWN,  
B. C. ADAMS,  
SHELTON L. HALL.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Parish of St. Paul's Church, Fond

du Lac, Fond du Lac County, be admitted into union with the Convention of this Diocese.

Credentials were laid before the Convention that, Carson Graham and Wm. H. Ebbets had been duly appointed Deputies from St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac, to this Convention.

The Committee on "Ritual Uniformity," reported:—

Your Committee, appointed "to enquire and report what measures are necessary to be adopted to enforce ritual uniformity in the Church in this Diocese," would respectfully submit the following Canon as, in their opinion, calculated to effect the desired end, of preventing innovations upon the general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, in the performance of the Ritual and Ceremonies of said Church:

### CANON VIII.

#### RITUAL UNIFORMITY IN THIS DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. In the performance of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the Church, where there is no positive interpretation of existing law, either by Canon, or by solemn Declaration, or by Opinion of the House of Bishops, the Clergy of this Diocese shall be bound to the rule of what is usually called "*Common Law*,"—that is to say; they shall not for themselves and for their congregations in their public and official ministrations act according to private judgment, but according to the *general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States*.

SEC. 2. And in case there be in the minds of any Clergyman a doubt as to what that "*General Usage*" is, he shall not decide it for himself and for his congregation by his private opinion, but shall refer it to the *Judges* in this Canon appointed, who shall give to him an authoritative decision thereupon, founded upon the same princi-

ple of "*General Usage*." *Provided* alway, that there be, as aforesaid, no positive interpretation upon the point in question, either by Canon, or by Declaration, or by opinion of the House of Bishops.

SEC. 3. The Bishop, or Bishop in Charge of the Diocese, in council with the Standing Committee, are hereby established as *Judges* or *Judicial Interpreters*, for this Diocese, of the Ritual Usage of the Church. And their decisions so pronounced, and given in writing, shall be binding upon the Clergy of the Diocese in their performance of the Services of the Church.

SEC. 4. All decisions shall, for the information of the Clergy, be given in writing, by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to all Clergymen canonically connected with this Diocese, and shall, also, be printed along with the Journal of the Proceedings of the Annual Diocesan Convention, under the head of, "DECISIONS OF THE CHURCH IN WISCONSIN IN REFERENCE TO RITUAL USAGE, BINDING UPON HER CLERGY, ACCORDING TO CANON VIII, OF THIS DIOCESE."

SEC. 5. This Canon shall in no wise be taken to refer to any question of doctrine, but solely and entirely to ritual interpretation as it affects practice. And it shall be considered as binding upon and referring to those Clergy only who are canonically connected with this Diocese.

SEC. 6. Transgressions of this Canon are hereby declared offences for which a Minister may be tried and punished.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee upon being legally apprized, in the manner as required by Canon VII, Sec. 1, of this Diocese, of any breach of Ritual Uniformity, to notify the Bishop of such complaint.

And if the complaint is for the violation of a Judicial Interpretation already given and made known, the Bishop shall, thereupon, by letter, notify said Clergyman that complaint has been made to the Standing Committee of a breach of Ritual Uniformity upon his part. But in case the complaint is upon a point not having been judicially interpreted and made known, then, the Bishop and Standing Committee shall meet and decide upon the "general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States" upon the point in question: which done, the Bishop shall, by letter, inform said Clergyman of the complaint, and of the decision of the Judges of General Usage. And the Bishop's notice, in either case, shall be considered a warning to said Clergyman to conform to the ritual practice of this Diocese as established and declared. And if a Clergyman so warned, does not, within *thirty days*, notify the Bishop, by letter, of his intention to conform, he shall be proceeded against for breach of this Canon, in the manner provided by Canon VII of this Diocese,— "of the mode of Trying Clergymen."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ADAMS,  
STEPHEN McHUGH,  
FRANCIS RANDALL,  
ANDREW G. MILLER,  
PHILO WHITE.

On motion,

The report of the Committee on Ritual Uniformity was accepted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Canon submitted to this Convention by the Committee on "Ritual Uniformity," be adopted as a Canon of this Diocese.

The standing Committee of the Diocese for the past year reported:

## REPORT

### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN, 1849-50.

The third Standing Committee of the Diocese of Wisconsin respectfully report, that, it was organized in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, on the 18th of July, 1849, by the election of the Rev. Benjamin Akerly as *President*, and the Rev. David Keene, B. D., as *Secretary*.

At this meeting, testimonials were given recommending William Markoe for the Holy Order of Deacons.

The second meeting was held in Delafield, at the house of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Aug. 24th, 1849.

At this meeting, consent was given for the consecration of the Rev. George Upfold, D., D. to the sacred office of a Bishop.

The third meeting was held at Watertown, Nov. 7th, 1849.

At this meeting, certificates were given recommending Otis Hackett and Lewis A. Kemper to be admitted as candidates for Holy Orders.

The fourth meeting was held in Milwaukee, Dec. 14th. 1849.

At this meeting, testimonials were given recommending the Rev. George R. Bartlett, B. D., for the Holy Order of Priests.

Certificates were also given, recommending Hugh M. Thompson and E. S. Peake to be admitted as candidates for Holy Orders.

A letter from the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., was laid before the Committee, requesting it to act as a Missionary Board.

### BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

*Resolved*, That the Missionary Fund of this Diocese is hereby placed at the disposal of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., to be by him appropriated to Missionary purposes within his Diocese; and the Bishop is hereby authorized to draw for the same, upon the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."

The fifth meeting was held in Milwaukee, Feb. 7th, 1850.

At this meeting, a certificate was given recommending Leonard R. Humphrey to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Testimonials were also given recommending the Rev. William Markoe, Deacon, for Priests' Orders.

The sixth Meeting was held in Milwaukee, Feb. 18th, 1850.

This meeting was called by the Bishop, as a Council of Advice.

The seventh meeting was held in Milwaukee, May 9th, 1850.

At this meeting, testimonials were given recommending Otis Hackett for Deacons' Orders.

Testimonials were also given recommending the Rev. John McNamara, Deacon, for Priests' Orders.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN AKERLY, President.

DAVID KEENE, B. D., Secretary.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to elect "Deputies to the General Convention," and also "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."

On motion,

The Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock this evening.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, }  
Kenosha, 10½ O'clock, A. M. }

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. A. D. Cole. Morning prayer ended, the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., admitted Mr. George F. Richards, a graduate of Nashotah House, to the Holy Order of Deacons; and the Rev. John McNamara, Deacon, to the Holy Order of Priests. The sermon was preached by the Rev. S. McHugh. Mr. G. F. Richards, the candidate for Deacons' Orders, was presented by the Rev. Professor W. Adams. The Rev. John McNamara, Deacon, the candidate for Priests' Orders, was presented by the Rev. S. C. Millett; the Rev. Messrs. W. Adams, S. C. Millett, S.

McHugh, and A. D. Cole uniting with the Bishop in the "imposition of hands."

The Holy Eucharist was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. S. McHugh, J. McNamara, and Geo. F. Richards.

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THURSDAY EVENING, }  
June 13th, 2 o'clock. }

Second day's session resumed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. A. Brown and W. H. Cross, Tellers to receive votes cast for "Deputies to General Convention," and the Rev. S. C. Millett and S. L. Hall, Tellers on the votes for "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."

Reports of Parishes and of Missionaries were read.—See Appendix A.

The Tellers upon the votes cast for "*Deputies to the General Convention*," reported:

That the Rev. Messrs. B. Akerly, S. Davis, T. J. Ruger, and S. C. Millett, and Messrs. A. Brown, P. White, J. A. Helfenstein, and J. B. Dce, had each received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon the Chair declared the above named gentlemen duly elected "Deputies to the General Convention."

The Committee on "*Diocesan Missions*," reported:

The Committee on Diocesan Missions beg leave respectfully to report, that they have nothing referred to their consideration, neither Financial statements, nor Missionary facts, save that a wide field, ripe for the harvest, lies unoccupied around us. This very fact should quicken the liveliest interest in every heart.

The Committee would urge, through the Convention, upon the various Parishes, the observance of Quarterly Collections. The Holy Communion as a general thing being administered once a month, the



alms on every third month could without difficulty flow into the Missionary Treasury.

The Committee would also request attention to the procuring of Glebes and building sites in all parts of the country. Germs of future Parishes are scattered within ten miles of each other throughout the settled parts of the Diocese. If they be cherished now, with a little attention they will bless a future generation with the service of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

A. D. COLE.

T. J. RUGER.

J. B. DOE.

On motion,

The report was accepted.

The Tellers on votes cast for "*Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin*" reported:—

That, Messrs P. White, A. Brown, J. B. Doe, J. A. Helfenstein, and I. J. Ullman, had each received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon, the Chair declared the above named gentlemen duly elected, "*Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.*"

The Tellers on the votes cast for "Deputies to the General Convention" reported further:—

That, the Rev. Messrs. A. D. Cole, D. Keene, B. D., E. A. Greenleaf, J. Abererombie, and Messrs. D. Bread (Degawyaderem) A. W. Hatch, J. S. Rookwell, and J. E. Cowles, had each received a majority of all the votes cast for "*Supplementary Deputies.*"

Whereupon, the Chair declared the above named gentlemen duly elected "*Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention.*"

"*The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin*" reported:—

"The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," respectfully report that the Fund

amounts to \$621 01, about \$500 of which is invested at 12 per cent.

J. B. DOE,  
J. A. HELFENSTEIN,  
JOHN R. PHELPS.

The "*Committee on Finance*" reported:—

The Finance Committee to whom were referred the reports of the Treasurer of the Convention Fund, and the Missionary Fund, respectfully report:

That they have examined the same, with the vouchers, and find the situation of said funds to be correctly set forth in said reports.

The said Committee also find the Episcopal Fund of this Diocese to be loaned upon personal security, to the amount stated in the report of the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."

Your Committee do not consider this a proper mode of investing said fund now, however it may have been heretofore. They recommend the passage of a resolution, or canon, directing the Trustees of said fund to invest the same on unincumbered real estate, with interest payable semi-annually.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. RANDALL,  
J. W. MEDBERRY,  
J. R. PHELPS.

On motion,

The report was accepted.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," are hereby instructed to loan the "*Episcopal Fund*," only upon unincumbered real estate, with interest payable semi-annually.

On motion,

The Convention proceeded to nominate three Trustees for the General Theological Seminary.

The nomination was made by ballot.

The Tellers on the votes cast announced, that the Rev.

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\*For reports of different Funds, see Appendix C.

Messrs. A. D. Cole, B. Akerly, and W. Adams, had received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon, the Chair declared, that the above named gentlemen were duly nominated to the General Convention, by this Diocese, as Trustees for the General Theological Seminary.

On motion of the Rev. W. Adams,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of two be appointed to prepare Rules for the government of our Annual Diocesan Conventions, and to report the same at the next Annual Convention.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the Rev. B. Akerly and Mr. F. Randall such Committee.

On motion of the Rev. W. Adams,

*Resolved*, That each Parish forward to the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, on or before the first day of May in each year, a certified list of its Deputies and Supplementary Deputies elected to represent their several Parishes in Convention; and that it be the duty of the Standing Committee to present a full list of Deputies and Supplementary Deputies, to the Secretary of Convention, at the time of the opening of the Convention.

The 105th selection of the Psalms, with the Gloria Patri, was sung. The Convention united with the Bishop in prayer, and after having received his Benediction, adjourned sine die.

JACKSON KEMPER,  
*Bishop in Charge of the Diocese  
Of Wisconsin*

BENJAMIN AKERLY,  
*Secretary.*

AZEL D. COLE,  
*Assistant Secretary.*

## APPENDIX A.

## Parochial and Missionary Reports.

*Christ Church, Green Bay.*

THE REV. WM. HOMMANN, Rector.

|                                                           |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Baptisms: Infants, 11; Adults, 4; Total,                  | -         | 15        |
| Confirmed,                                                | - - - - - | 8         |
| Communicants, added by removal,                           | - -       | 5         |
| “ “ Confirmation,                                         | - -       | 7         |
| Present number of Communicants,                           | - -       | 50        |
| Marriages,                                                | - - - - - | 5         |
| Burials,                                                  | - - - - - | 8         |
| Public services: in Church, 126; other places, 14; Total, | - - - - - | 140       |
| Sunday School: Scholars, 35; Teachers,                    | - -       | 7         |
| Offerings of the Church: at the Holy Communion,           | - - - - - | \$87,85½  |
| Offerings of the Church: for Incidental expenses,         | - - - - - | \$28,33   |
| Total,                                                    | - - - - - | \$116,18½ |

The appropriation of these offerings, was—to the poor \$1,50; parochial objects, \$20,87½; General objects, \$8,25; Convention Fund, \$5,00; Episcopal Fund, \$21,23; Domestic and Diocesan Missions, \$29,50.

In addition to the above statistics, one or two explanatory remarks may not be out of place.

The number of public services being rather less than the year before, must be accounted for by the worship of the Church having been irregular during the past Summer, in consequence of cleaning and repairing the Church edifice, and the Rector's absence from the Parish.

Although eight bodies have been committed to the duties with the offices of the Church, yet but two—and those children—were actually from the Parish; the remainder being either from families temporarily residing here, or from families who, though not strictly of the Parish, yet look to our Church for such offices.

In addition to the pecuniary offerings made in the Church the Rector would record with pleasure the liberality of the Parishioners, in other private contributions, towards painting and otherwise improving the Church;—providing it with Lamps and appropriate Window Shades.

By the exertions of a devoted *Female Parishioner* among her friends at the East, the Chancel and Desk are provided with a set of handsome books, consisting of a Bible and four Prayer Books.

Among the most valuable improvements during the year, is that of a Parish Library, which, commencing with about 70 books, at present numbers 120.

While the efforts made towards the improvement of the temporal condition of the Parish, show that the external things of the Church receive their due attention at the hands of the people,—in the number of those who have become practically “obedient to the word,” we would gratefully recognize the progress of the internal work of Religion among them.

May God continue to pour down upon us the "healthful spirit of His grace."

*St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.*

THE REV. BENJAMIN AKERLY, Rector.

*Milwaukee, June 11th, 1850.*

Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:—

*Rt. Rev. Father:*—I would respectfully report the following statistics of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, for the Third Diocesan Year, ending June 12th, 1850:—

|                                                |   |          |  |
|------------------------------------------------|---|----------|--|
| Families connected with the Parish,            | - | 201      |  |
| Individuals, " " " "                           | - | 1005     |  |
| Infant Baptisms, 41; Adult Baptisms, 8; Total, |   | 49       |  |
| Confirmed,—number of persons,                  | - | 13       |  |
| Communicants,— " " " "                         | - | 230      |  |
| Marriages,                                     | - | 12       |  |
| Burials,                                       | - | 34       |  |
| Offerings of the Parish for the Poor,          | - | \$204 01 |  |
| " " " Diocesan Missions,                       |   | 49 41    |  |
| " " " Convention Fund,                         |   | 14 00    |  |
| " " " Episcopal Fund,                          | - | 44 38    |  |
| Total,                                         |   | \$321 80 |  |

Of the offerings for Diocesan Missions, \$18 00 was for St. John's Church, Milwaukee, the balance of these, as also the offerings for the Episcopal Fund, are in the hands of the Rector.

The *Parish Library*, now numbering 700 volumes, continues to be an object of interest. The number of volumes drawn weekly has averaged 60, the past year.

The number of children enrolled, as under Catechetical

instruction, is 247. number of Teachers, 25. Sunday School Library 250 volumes. Every Sunday afternoon continues to be devoted exclusively to this object.

Within a few weeks past, the Vestry of this Church have purchased 73 acres of land and appropriated it for the Sleep of the Dead. The grounds are being laid out, under the directions of I. A. Lapham, Esq., in such a manner as to connect pleasing associations with the place where rest the remains of departed Christians. Mrs. Hull and her children,—the heirs of our late brother, the Rev. Lemuel B. Hull,—have very generously contributed five acres of this land on condition that the Vestry forever grant Free Sepulture to the destitute members of our Church.

Very respectfully,

Your son in Christ,  
BENJAMIN AKERLY, *Rector.*

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*Hobart Church, Duck Creek—Oneida Indians.*

THE REV. FRANKLIN R. HAFF, B. D., Rector.

*Duck Creek, June 8th, 1850.*

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—

The following is the Statistical report of what has been done in the Parish for the year past:—

|                                      |   |   |   |     |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Baptisms: Adults, 5; Infants, 14;    | - | - | - | 19  |
| Confirmations,                       | - | - | - | 18  |
| Marriages,                           | - | - | - | 9   |
| Burials,                             | - | - | - | 10  |
| Communicants:—2 have died—4 removed, |   |   |   |     |
| and 4 added,                         | - | - | - | 155 |

Ten dollars have been contributed to the Episcopal Fund; Three dollars to the Diocesan Missionary Society; and Two dollars to the Convention Fund.

Very respectfully,

Your Presbyterian,

F. R. HAFF.

I have delayed sending my report by mail, in hopes that I might get money enough to enable me to attend Convention. In this I have been disappointed. I am compelled, therefore, to stay at home. Bishop, I do not wish to complain, but I hardly know what to do. The remissness of the Committee causes me much uneasiness. By close economy I have cleared myself of debt so that what is due to me now will pay all. I have, however, to run in debt still; and before it comes I fear I shall get beyond it. But what we most need in the family—i. e. provisions, &c.,—cannot be bought on credit. In a few days I must have flour, and to-day \$8 in cash would hardly buy a barrel. I may be wrong, but I cannot feel it my duty to stay here and have the burthen of debt, and the necessity of constantly making excuses to my creditors, continually hanging over me.

I have not visited Oshkosh, as was proposed. Since the warm weather began, my health has been so poor that I am unable to bear the journey. Mr. Sweet of Fond du Lac, could go by water to both Oshkosh and Neenah more easily than I can from here. If he remains, and would take the duty, I would much prefer that he receive the appointment.

Very respectfully.

Your son in Christ,

F. R. HAFF.



*St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha.*

THE REV. E. A. GREENLEAF, Rector.

|                                 |   |   |   |   |   |          |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| Baptized—Infants,               | - | - | - | - | - | 15       |
| Marriages,                      | - | - | - | - | - | 9        |
| Burials,                        | - | - | - | - | - | 10       |
| Present number of Communicants, | - | - | - | - | - | 64       |
| The weekly Offerings,           | - | - | - | - | - | \$141,29 |

Have been appropriated as follows:

|                    |   |   |   |   |        |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Episcopal Fund,    | - | - | - | - | \$9,00 |
| Diocesan Missions, | - | - | - | - | 10,00  |
| Convention Fund,   | - | - | - | - | 11,00  |

The remainder to parish expenses.

A Parish Library of one hundred volumes has been established.

Divine Service has been held every Sunday, and on the principal Festivals.

*St. Paul's Church, Beloit.*

THE REV. STEPHEN C. MILLETT, Rector.

Rt. Rev. and dear Sir:—

The following are the Statistics of St. Paul's Church, Beloit, for the year ending June 13th, 1850:—

|                                      |   |   |     |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----|
| Infant Baptism, 1; Adult, 1; Total,  | - | - | 2   |
| Confirmed,                           | - | - | 7   |
| Marriages,                           | - | - | 0   |
| Burials,                             | - | - | 0   |
| Communicants,                        | - | - | 36  |
| Contributions for Domestic Missions, | - | - | \$4 |

Divine Service has been celebrated by me several times about 8 miles south-east of Beloit, and once about 20 miles west from Beloit, when one Adult was baptized, and two were confirmed by the Bishop.

The walls of a Church edifice are now in progress in the village of Beloit, and we hope ere long to see a substantial and commodious house of worship fully completed.

During the past year a fine toned Melodeon has been presented to the parish by some friends at Buffalo.

S. C. MILLETT, *Minister.*

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*St. John's in the Wilderness, Elkhorn.*

Right Rev. Father:—

By reason of the much regretted and unexpected removal of the Rev. John McNamara, from this Diocese, our parish is again destitute, and the duty of preparing the annual report has devolved on the Senior Warden.

There has been one Baptism, and the Holy Communion once administered, since the last meeting of the Diocesan Convention. The number of Communicants is 12.

788 dollars have been subscribed for the erection of a Parish Church, with a reasonable expectation of increasing the amount. The sum required as the contribution of this parish towards the salary of Mr. McNamara has also been subscribed.

I am, with most dutiful and affectionate attachment,  
Rt. Rev Father,.

Your obedient servant in Christ,  
WM. LUPTON, *Senior Warden.*

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*St. Luke's Church Whitewater.*

NO REPORT.

*St. Alban's Church, Lisbon.*

THE REV. WM. C. ARMSTRONG, B. D., Rector.

*Lisbon, June 8th, 1850.*

To the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:

*Rt. Rev. Father:*—Since my last report there have been

|                              |   |   |   |   |   |        |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--------|
| Baptisms,—Infants,           | - | - | - | - | - | 7      |
| Communicants added,          | - | - | - | - | - | 4      |
| “ removed,                   | - | - | - | - | - | 5      |
| “ present number,            | - | - | - | - | - | 44     |
| Burials,                     | - | - | - | - | - | 5      |
| Marriages,                   | - | - | - | - | - | 3      |
| Collections,—Episcopal Fund, | - | - | - | - | - | \$4 18 |
| “ Seating the Church,        | - | - | - | - | - | 31 25  |

The Sunday School numbers 3 Teachers and 20 children. Parish Library contains 50 volumes: Sunday School 160 volumes. The Holy Communion has been administered monthly, except at the time of the prevailing Epidemic of last summer, when it was administered weekly.

I have also administered the same six times to the sick. Since the first Sunday after Easter, the Rector has received his support from weekly offerings.

Respectfully submitted by

Your son in Christ,

WM. C. ARMSTRONG.

*St. Luke's Church, Racine.*

THE REV. AZEL D. COLE, Rector.

Families connected with the Parish, - - 86

# APPENDIX A.—REPORTS OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS. 279

|                                                  |   |   |   |                    |   |      |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------|---|------|----------------|
| <b>I</b> ndividuals                              | " | " | " | "                  | - | -    | 333            |
| <b>B</b> aptisms:—Children, 11; Adults 3; Total  | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 14             |
| <b>C</b> onfirmed,                               | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 14             |
| <b>C</b> ommunicants,                            | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 83             |
| <b>M</b> arriages,                               | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 1              |
| <b>F</b> unerals:—Children, 4; Adults, 1;        | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 5              |
| <b>O</b> fferings of the Parish:—Episcopal Fund, |   |   |   |                    |   | \$16 | 15             |
| "                                                | " | " |   | Convention Fund,   |   | 8    | 00             |
| "                                                | " | " |   | Diocesan Missions, |   | 28   | 72             |
| "                                                | " | " |   | Parochial Uses,    |   | 11   | 00             |
| <b>Total,</b>                                    |   |   |   |                    |   |      | <b>\$63 87</b> |
| <b>S</b> unday Schools,                          | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 2              |
| <b>S</b> uperintendents,                         | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 2              |
| <b>T</b> eachers,                                | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 17             |
| <b>S</b> cholars,                                | - | - | - | -                  | - | -    | 120            |
| <b>O</b> fferings (one quarter for Africa,)      | - | - | - | -                  | - | \$4  | 94             |

In addition should be named among other gifts to the Church the sum of \$19 00 for Prayer Books to be distributed, and above all, the contribution during a time of great financial embarrassment of \$2100 00, to pay the debt of the Parish. This generous and praiseworthy effort of the congregation, by the Lord's blessing has placed the Parish in a permanent and prosperous condition. The future is truly full of hope, without any unhappy omen of the present, to cause doubt and hesitation. The close of another Conventional year, will find the Parish, we trust, more strongly than ever united, "in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life."

This report covers the fraction of the year since the

Fourth Sunday in Advent, 1849, at which time the present Rector entered on his duties.

AZEL D. COLE,

*Rector of St. Luke's Church, Racine.*

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.,

Bishop of Wisconsin.

*St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.*

THE REV. JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Rector.

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:

*Right Rev. Father:*—In the good providence of God, I have reason to believe, that, during the past year, my efforts in the cause of my Master have not been altogether in vain. The foundation for a permanent and thriving parish, unless I greatly mistake, is now nearly laid. Most unexpectedly to me, my people within the last few months have determined, if possible, at once to erect a suitable and permanent House of Worship. This House is to be *Free*, and will be built by subscriptions. We have for it a plan from Frank Wills, Esq., Architect, in New York. It will be built of stone, and will be strictly Gothic. The whole cost will be perhaps about \$5,000.

The Offertory System, by which I am supported, still continues to work admirably.

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Baptisms:—Infants, | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| Confirmed,         | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Communicants,      | - | - | - | - | - | 25 |
| Marriage,          | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Burials,           | - | - | - | - | - | 13 |

JAMES ABERCROMBIE,  
*Rector.*

great measure confined to this parish. We have been enabled through the blessing of our Divine Head to erect a new Church Edifice which was consecrated by you on the 31st of March last to the worship and service of Almighty God.

The statistical information is as follows:

|                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Baptisms,—Infants, 3; Adult, 1; | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Confirmations,                  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Marriages,                      | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Burials,                        | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2  |
| Present number of Communicants, | - | - | - | - | - | - | 28 |

All of which is respectfully submitted, &c.,

STEPHEN McHUGH.

Delavan, June 11th, 1850.

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*Grace Church, Madison.*

From the Annual Address of our Rt. Rev. Father, (p. 195, of this Journal,) we gather the following information in relation to this Parish:—

“The important station of *Madison* continues unsupplied. It presents an inviting field to a young clergyman of education and talent. The organization of *Grace Church* continues, and it has some zealous members, who own a fine lot for the erection of an edifice for Public Worship. I was here Sunday, the 4th November. We had two services. Eleven persons participated in the Communion; and an infant was baptized.”

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*Christ Church, Fox Lake.*

NO REPORT.

*St. Silvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes.*

THE REV. WILLIAM MARKOE, Rector.

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:—

*Rt. Rev. Father:*—On the 23d of September, 1849, I began my duties at this station as Deacon. Upon my admission to the Holy Order of Priests, on the 17th of March, I took entire charge of the Parish as Rector.—The following are the statistics of the Parish since the last Convention of this Diocese:—

Baptisms: Infants, 15; Adults, 1; Total, - 16

Confirmed, - - - - - 6

Communicants, added, 6; removed, 3; present number, 46; of whom from 25 to 30 commune weekly.

Buried, Adults, 3; Infants, 4; Total, - - 7

Of the above there are to be referred to the ministrations of the former Rector of the Parish, the Rev. J. Lloyd Breck—

Baptisms: Infants, 5; Adult, 1; Total, - 6

Burials, Infants - - - - - 3

From the time that I began my labors in this Parish, until my ordination to the office of Priest, the full services of the Church, including the Holy Eucharist, were celebrated on all Sundays and Holy days, except on three occasions, when the services of a Priest could not be procured.

Since December 12th, the Daily Service of the Church has been celebrated excepting on three days, when circumstances compelled me to be absent from the Parish.

Since my ordination on March 17th, the Holy Communion has been administered on all Sundays and on all other days for which there is especially appointed an Epis-

tle and Gospel, or a proper Preface. In all, the total number of celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, from September 23d, 1849, to the present time, is 62.

Your obedient son in CHRIST,

WILLIAM MARKOE,

Nashotah Lakes, June 8th, 1850.

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*Zion Church, Oconomowoc.*

NO REPORT.

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*St. George's Church, North Prairie.*

NO REPORT.

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*Trinity Church, Milwaukee.*

NO REPORT.

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*Grace Church, Sheboygan.*

THE REV. L. WILSON DAVIS, Rector.

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:

The following is the statistical report for the Parish of Grace Church, Sheboygan, for the year ending June 12th, 1850:

Baptisms,—Infants 4. Marriages 2. Burials 2. Persons confirmed 6. Communicants,—Added 4, removed 6, present number 20. Communion Offerings \$26 95, appropriated as follows, viz: for Domestic Missions \$6 84, for Episcopal Fund \$4 75, for Convention Fund \$2 25, for Parochial purposes \$13 11.

Very respectfully,

L. WILSON DAVIS.



*Trinity Church, Johnstown.*

From the Bishop's Annual Address, p. 199, we learn that,

"In this immediate vicinity there are Churchmen who ought, if possible, to enjoy the privileges of the Sanctuary of the most High God."

*St. John's Church, Milwaukee.*

THE REV. DAVID KEENE, B. D., Rector.

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.:

*Rt. Rev. Father:*—I respectfully report the following statistics of St. John's Church, Milwaukee, for the year ending June 2nd, 1850:

|                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |           |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| Infant Baptisms,                     | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30        |
| Adult "                              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4         |
| Confirmations,                       | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3         |
| Marriages,                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5         |
| Burials,                             | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7         |
| Communicants:—Removed 2; Present No. |   |   |   |   |   |   | 27        |
| Offerings,                           | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$150 57. |

These offerings, as stated in my last report, are appropriated to the Rector's Salary.

|                         |   |   |   |   |     |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Sunday School Teachers, | - | - | - | - | 8   |
| " " Scholars,           | - | - | - | - | 60  |
| " " Library, volumes,   | - | - | - | - | 185 |

I am happy to state that the Parish of St. John's, which scarce three years since was commenced under the most discouraging circumstances, now presents the most cheering prospects. Our Church has already become too small to hold the congregation, and prompt measures have

been taken to secure the erection of a new Church Edifice. During the past year a Parsonage house has been built, which is now nearly finished.

For more than two years past, I have officiated at a place called Oak Creek once in two weeks. At this place there are several Church families, and I hope at no distant day to see a Parish organized. It is situated twelve miles from Milwaukee, on the Milwaukee and Racine road.

Your Son in Christ,

DAVID KEENE.

Milwaukee, June 4th, 1850.

*St. Paul's Church, Watertown.*

THE REV. MELANCTHON HOYT, Rector.

*Watertown, 11th June, 1850.*

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—

Being unable to attend the Convention this year, I herewith forward you the statistics of St. Paul's Church, Watertown:

|                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| Families, about                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | 30       |
| Communicants, (new, 4) present number,        | - | - | - | - | - | - | 65       |
| Confirmed,                                    | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3        |
| Baptisms, (Adult, 1,) Infants 7,              | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8        |
| Burials, about                                | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12       |
| Weekly Offerings since 14th of November last, | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$164 58 |

During the year a Church Edifice, 24 by 50 feet, has been erected, and was consecrated by yourself, in November last, to the service of Almighty God. Cost of said building, about \$1000. We are indebted to the

No money has been collected for Diocesan purposes.—  
We are endeavoring to build a Church and hope to suc-  
ceed.

I am very respectfully, &c.,

J. SWEET.

To the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.

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*Church of the Holy Communion, Genève.*

VACANT.

*See the Bishop's Annual Address.*—p. 203.

To the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper:

*Rt. Rev. Father:*—This Parish was organized January  
20th, 1850. Service has been held once every Lord's  
day since last Advent Sunday.

|                                |   |   |   |   |    |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Baptisms:—Adults 2, infants 2, | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Confirmed,                     | - | - | - | - | 4  |
| Communicants added,            | - | - | - | - | 5  |
| “ present number,              | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Families,                      | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Individuals,                   | - | - | - | - | 53 |

The parishioners have subscribed a sum quite sufficient  
to build a new, neat and commodious Church edifice.

J. McNAMARA, *Deacon.*

June 12th, 1850.

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*Emmanuel Church, Ozaukee.*

VACANT.

The following in relation to this Parish is extracted  
from the Bishop's Annual Address.—p. 198.

“Sunday, the 17th Feb'y, was devoted to *Port Washing.*

ton, now called *Ozaukee*. In the upper room occupied by the congregation, I administered the Lord's Supper and preached both at Morning and Evening Prayer. A third service was held at night in a private residence, when I baptized the son of the Missionary, and after public worship, spoke to the people on the importance of Infant Baptism. This station is now vacant, as the Rev. S. K. Miller left it, the beginning of April, and has since been transferred to the Diocese of Western New York. The labor which has been bestowed upon this place, will not, we trust in God, be in vain. I have never despaired of any station, where the banner of the Cross has been unfurled by one of our Clergy; and, by the grace of God, I never will."

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*Church of the Holy Communion, Bloomfield.*

VACANT.

To the Rt. Rev. Father in God,

Jackson Kemper, D. D.:

The subjoined is a statistical report of this Parish for the past year:

|                                                |    |
|------------------------------------------------|----|
| Holy Baptism has been administered to infants, | 8  |
| “ “ “ “ Adults,                                | 2  |
| Total, - - - - -                               | 10 |
| Communicants added, - - - - -                  | 5  |
| “ present number, - - - - -                    | 16 |
| Number of persons confirmed, - - - - -         | 6  |
| “ Sunday School Scholars, - - - - -            | 22 |
| “ “ “ Teachers, - - - - -                      | 4  |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Your Obed't Son,

WM. H. WHITING, *Warden*.

**JOURNAL OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

**THE REV. JAMES LLOYD BRECK.**

*Nashotah Lakes, Wisconsin,* }  
June 11th, 1850.

*Rt. Rev. Father:*—During the past year I have statedly officiated on every Lord's Day in the services of the Church. I have also celebrated or participated in the Daily Services in the Chapel of Nashotah House up to Christmas week.

The *Holy Eucharist* has also been celebrated each week on Sundays and upon Saint's Days. In October I resigned the charge of St. Sylvanus' Parish into the hands of Rev. Wm. Markoe, to whose report I refer for other official acts, not included in this.

I have been absent, with permission, on a visit to the East, since Christmas-week to the present month, during which interval I have also been in the constant exercise of the ministerial office.

With great respect, and in affection,

Your son in Christ,

**JAMES LLOYD BRECK.**

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.,

*Missionary Bishop of Wisconsin.*

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**THE REV. MELANCTHON HOYT.**

Acting as *Diocesan Missionary*, for six months.

Since my appointment I have visited *Horicon and Mayville* four times, officiating at each place to large and attentive congregations. At and in the vicinity of Horicon there are eight communicants of the church. I expect to organize a church there the next time I visit them.

At *Mayville* I can find but one communicant. I expect to baptize two persons the first Wednesday in June next, and if so, shall have three candidates for confirmation.

If the Iron Company succeed in their enterprise, we will have a church in *Mayville* within the year.

At *Dodge Centre* I have officiated once and baptized two children. The only family of the church residing there leaves in two weeks.

At *Rosendale* I have officiated twice and administered the Communion to eight persons,—organized a parish, and advised them to place themselves under the care of the Rev. Mr. Sweet, of Fond du Lac.

Respectfully submitted,

M. HOYT.

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REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, S. T. P.

*Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper*:—I have to report, that during the last year I have acted as Professor of Systematic Theology at Nashotah.

I have also during that time preached nearly every Sunday, and also performed other Services, which may be found recorded in the registers of the Parishes wherein they were done.

I remain, Right Rev. Sir,

Yours obediently in Christ and the Church,

WILLIAM ADAMS.

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THE REV. EBENEZER WILLIAMS,

Missionary for Grant County.

*Trinity Church, Mineral Point,* }  
June 12th, 1850. }

From various circumstances I regret my absence from

RIGHT REVEREND JACKSON KEMPER, D. D.,

*Bishop in charge of the Diocese of Wisconsin.*

The following Episcopal and Ministerial acts performed by our Rt. Rev. Father, the past year, are gathered in the Bishop's Annual Address.

|                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Confirmed,                        | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| Ordained Deacons,                 | - | - | - | - | - | - |    |
| • " Priests,                      | - | - | - | - | - | - |    |
| Licensed Lay Readers,             | - | - | - | - | - | - |    |
| Candidates for Holy Orders,       | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1  |
| Baptized: Infants, 33; Adults, 1; | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3  |
| Received, Priests,                | - | - | - | - | - | - |    |
| Transferred Priests,              | - | - | - | - | - | - |    |
| Churches Consecrated,             | - | - | - | - | - | - |    |

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| Library, | Parish Library | Episcopal Fund. | Convention Fund. | Diocesan Missions. | General Missions. | Parish Poor. | Parish Purposes. |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 120      |                | \$21.23         | \$5.00           | \$3.52             | \$25.98           | \$1.50       | \$29.12          |
| 250      | 700            | 44.38           | 14.00            | 49.41              |                   | 214.01       |                  |
|          |                | 10.00           | 2.00             | 3.00               |                   |              |                  |
|          | 100            | 9.00            | 11.00            | 10.00              |                   |              | 111.29           |
|          |                |                 |                  |                    | 4.00              |              |                  |
| 160      | 50             | 4.18            |                  |                    |                   |              | 31.25            |
|          |                | 16.15           | 8.00             | 28.72              | -4.59             |              | 2111.00          |
|          |                |                 |                  |                    |                   |              |                  |
| 100      |                | 5.00            | 5.00             | 5.00               |                   | 13.00        | 619.26           |
|          |                |                 |                  |                    |                   |              |                  |
|          |                | 4.75            | 2.25             |                    | 6.84              |              | 13.11            |
| 185      |                |                 |                  |                    |                   |              | 150.57           |
|          |                |                 |                  |                    |                   |              | 1164.58          |
| 80       |                |                 |                  |                    |                   |              |                  |
| 775      | 970            | \$114.69        | \$47.25          | \$99.65            | \$41.41           | \$238.51     | \$4230.18        |



## TREASURER'S REPORTS—Continued.

J. ALBERT HELFENSTEIN in account with  
The *Episcopal Fund* of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

|         |                                                                                                           | Dr.      | Cr.      |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1849.   |                                                                                                           |          |          |
| June 14 | To Cash on hand, - - -                                                                                    | \$495    | 94       |
| 1850.   |                                                                                                           |          |          |
| Jan'y 2 | St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha,                                                                            | 5        | 00       |
| Feb. 8  | One Share of Lake Erie & Michigan Telegraph Stock, presented by Daniel Whitney, Esq., of Green Bay, - - - |          |          |
| Feb. 10 | Hobart Church, Duck Creek, (Oneida Indians, - - -)                                                        | 10       | 00       |
|         | Christ Church, Green Bay, -                                                                               | 8        | 85       |
|         | St. Luke's Church, Racine, -                                                                              | 16       | 15       |
| April 6 | St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha,                                                                            | 4        | 00       |
| June 10 | Christ Church, Green Bay, -                                                                               | 12       | 38       |
| " 11    | St. Alban's Church, Lisbon, -                                                                             | 4        | 18       |
| " 12    | Trinity Church, Janesville, -                                                                             | 5        | 00       |
|         | Interest on the above, - -                                                                                | 59       | 51       |
|         | By Amount in Treasurer's hands,                                                                           |          | \$621 01 |
|         |                                                                                                           | \$621 01 | \$621 10 |

## APPENDIX D.

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

OF THE

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE, 1847.

## ARTICLE I.

*Acceding to General Constitution.*

The Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, desirous of entering into federal union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, does, accordingly accede to, recognize and adopt the General Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

## ARTICLE II.

*Annual Convention.*

There shall be an annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the Second Wednesday of June.

## ARTICLE III.

*Members of Convention.*

Sec. 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Laity.

**SEC. 2.** Every Clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese and having charge of some Parish, (or officiating as a Missionary within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy, or seminary of learning constituted or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States,) shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention. In every case, however, where a Clergyman is not able to hold a cure of souls, arising from bodily infirmity, or age, he shall not for such cause be excluded from a seat in this Convention.

**SEC. 3.** The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four Deputies from each congregation in this Diocese in union with this Convention, a certificate of whose appointment shall be signed by either the minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the vestry and laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *President of Convention.*

The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, shall ex-officio, preside in Convention, and be entitled to vote on all questions. The assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote. In the absence of the Bishop, shall preside. In the absence of the Bishop, or of the Assistant Bishop, or of the members shall elect a President pro tempore.

## ARTICLE V.

*Transaction of Business.*

SEC. 1. The Bishop with such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such.

SEC. 3. On a call of any five members, the Convention shall vote by orders. In such a case the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure, and each Parish shall be entitled to only one vote.

SEC. 4. On every question, the votes of a majority of those present, or when voting by orders, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide the question.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.*

SEC. 1. At each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen from among its members, who shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, and when approved, to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and to deliver into the hands of the Bishop all original documents, and to his successor, all books and papers relating to the conduct of the Convention, which may be in his possession. An Assistant Secretary may also be chosen, who shall be subject to the orders of the Secretary.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer of this Convention shall be ap-

pointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the Secretary of the Convention, for the use of the Convention, and shall present a statement of his accounts at each annual Convention.

SEC. 3. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all money, bonds, mortgages, notes or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal or incapacity.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *Standing Committee.*

SEC. 1. The Convention shall elect annually, a standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and Laymen; who, when there is no Bishop, or he incapable of acting, shall be the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, for all purposes declared in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The said Presbyters must be of those entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese.

SEC. 3. The Lay members of the Committee must be communicants of some church in the Diocese, in union with the Convention.

SEC. 4. The Committee, at their first meeting, shall choose a President from among the Clerical members, and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for this purpose, which book and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention.

SEC. 5. The Bishop shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in this body during the recess of the Convention.

SEC. 6. The whole being summoned, three of the Committee, both orders being represented—shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### *Delegates to General Convention.*

SEC. 1. At every Annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

SEC. 2. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters, canonically connected with this Diocese, and having parochial charges.

SEC. 3. In case of a failure or neglect of the Convention to elect Deputies, those already in office shall continue until successors are chosen.

SEC. 4. The Convention shall also elect, by ballot, a like number of Supplementary Deputies of each order, to serve as Deputies contingently.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop in writing, at least six weeks before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment, and intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many from those of the Supplementary Deputies, as shall be necessary to insure a full representation of the Diocese; and the persons so designated shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by the Convention.

SEC. 2. Every Clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese and having charge of some Parish, (or officiating as a Missionary within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy, or seminary of learning constituted or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States,) shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention. In every case, however, where a Clergyman is not able to hold cure of souls, arising from bodily infirmity, or age, he shall not for such cause be excluded from a seat in this Convention.

SEC. 3. The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four Deputies from each congregation in this Diocese in union with this Convention, a certificate of whose appointment shall be signed by either the minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the vestry and laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *President of Convention.*

The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, shall, ex-officio, preside in Convention, and be entitled to vote on all questions. The assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote, and in the absence of the Bishop, shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop and of the Assistant Bishop, or their inability to act, then the members shall elect from the Presbyters, a President pro tempore.

## ARTICLE V.

*Transaction of Business.*

SEC. 1. The Bishop with such Clergymen and Lay Delegates as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such.

SEC. 3. On a call of any five members, the Convention shall vote by orders. In such a case the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure, and each Parish shall be entitled to only one vote.

SEC. 4. On every question, the votes of a majority of those present, or when voting by orders, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide the question.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.*

SEC. 1. At each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen from among its members, who shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, and when approved, to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of the Bishop all originals, and to his successor, all books and papers relating to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. An Assistant Secretary may also be chosen, if requested by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. A Treasurer of this Convention shall be ap-



pointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure.— He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the Secretary of the Convention, for the use of the Convention, and shall present a statement of his accounts at each annual Convention.

SEC. 3. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all money, bonds, mortgages, notes or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal or incapacity.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Standing Committee.*

SEC. 1. The Convention shall elect annually, a standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and Laymen; who, when there is no Bishop, or he incapable of acting, shall be the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, for all purposes declared in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The said Presbyters must be of those entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese.

SEC. 3. The Lay members of the Committee must be communicants of some church in the Diocese, in union with the Convention.

SEC. 4. The Committee, at their first meeting, shall choose a President from among the Clerical members, and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for this purpose, which book and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention.

SEC. 5. The Bishop shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in this body during the recess of the Convention.

SEC. 6. The whole being summoned, three of the Committee, both orders being represented—shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

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**350. JOURNAL OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

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1st. A Committee on the Admission of Parishes into union with the Convention.

2d. A Committee on Diocesan Missions.

3d. A Committee on Finance, to whom shall be referred the accounts of the various Funds.

4th. A Committee on Elections, to whom shall be referred the list of Clerical and Lay members claiming seats in Convention.

**CANON IV.**

*Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In every Congregation, the Church Wardens shall, at the expense of the Parish provide a proper book, in which the minister, or if the parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the names of all persons Baptized, Married and Buried, together with a list of persons Confirmed, and of those who are Communicants of the Church, with the date of every event recorded, which shall be under the signature of the person recording. From this Register, there shall, annually, be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of Convention, a full and accurate statement of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and of persons Confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion.

**CANON V.**

*Persons repelled the Holy Communion.*

When a person who has been repelled the Holy Communion, appeals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him; the Bishop may, and if the person demands, it shall be his duty to appoint three Presbyters who shall make inquiries into the truth of the charges alleged, and shall

of the Standing Committee, to every Clergyman and Vestry of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The election shall be made in the following manner:—The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office; and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. If two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to vote be represented, then a majority of each order shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the Clergy and congregations present, then two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### *Alteration of Constitution.*

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner:—The proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted to the annual Convention; and if approved of by a majority of both orders, shall lie over to the next annual Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each order, shall become valid and obligatory.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### *The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.*

SEC. 1. All real estate granted, personal property, or monies given or bequeathed, to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, for any specified object, shall forever be and remain inviolably appropriated to such specified object, and shall not by authority of the Convention, or any other power, be diverted from such specified

law and the facts.—The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Presbyter of the Church in this Diocese, and shall give the accused a copy of the charges presented to the Bishop, and also sixty day's notice of the time and place of trial.

Sec. 4. If the accused shall not appear at the trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the judgment of the Court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions, for the space of six months; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the Ministry.

Sec. 5. The judgment of the Court shall in all cases be made known in writing to the accused, and to the Wardens and Vestrymen of his Parish, together with the charges and specifications, and an outline of the evidence produced on the trial, if it shall be demanded by the accused.

Sec. 6. If the Bishop approve the judgment, he shall, within thirty days proceed to administer the discipline prescribed by the Court.

Sec. 7. Should the Bishop disapprove the decision of the Court he may summon a new Court, and order a new trial, and the judgment of the second Court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

Sec. 8. In case of the suspension of any Clergyman, such suspension may be either for a limited period, or until the offender give the Bishop satisfactory evidence of contrition and reformation.

Sec. 9. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, ipso facto, sever the connection between the Clergyman so suspended, and his Parish.

APPENDIX E.

CANONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

The Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

CANONS

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, MILWAUKEE, JUNE 24, 1847.

CANON I.

*List of Clergymen in the Diocese.*

On or before the first day of the meeting of the Convention, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the President of the Standing Committee, to give to the Secretary of the Convention a certified list of the names of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, and entitled to seats and votes in Convention.

CANON II.

*Opening of Convention.*

Every Convention shall be opened with the Public Common Prayer of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon by a Presbyter, appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver a Sermon or Charge.

CANON III.

*Standing Committees of Convention.*

At the opening of Convention, the President shall ap-

their decisions so pronounced, and given in writing, shall be binding upon the Clergy of the Diocese in their performance of the Services of the Church.

Sec. 4. All decisions shall, for the information of the Clergy, be given in writing, by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to all Clergymen canonically connected with this Diocese, and shall also be printed along with the Journal of the Proceedings of the Annual Diocesan Convention, under the head of, "DECISIONS OF THE CHURCH IN WISCONSIN IN REFERENCE TO RITUAL USAGE, BINDING UPON HER CLERGY, ACCORDING TO CANON VIII OF THIS DIOCESE."

Sec. 5. This Canon shall in no wise be taken to refer to any question of doctrine, but solely and entirely to ritual interpretation as it affects practice. And it shall be considered as binding upon and referring to those Clergy only who are canonically connected with this Diocese.

Sec. 6. Transgressions of this Canon are hereby declared offences for which a Minister may be tried and punished.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the standing committee upon being legally apprized, in the manner as required by Canon VII., Sec. 1., of this Diocese, of any breach of Ritual Uniformity, to notify the Bishop of such complaint. And if the complaint is for the violation of a Judicial Interpretation already given and made known, the Bishop shall, thereupon, by letter, notify said Clergyman that complaint has been made to the Standing Committee of a breach of Ritual Uniformity upon his part. But in case the complaint is upon a point not having been judicially interpreted and made known, then the Bishop and Standing Committee shall meet and decide upon the "general

make a report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop.

#### CANON VI.

##### *. Diocesan Missions.*

Sec. 1. The Board of Missions for this Diocese, shall consist of the Bishop, together with the Standing Committee; of which Board the Bishop shall be, ex-officio, President.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee may at any time resolve itself into the Board of Missions, at the request of the Bishop; and in case this request be made by letter, then the Board may act upon such business only as the Bishop may designate.

Sec. 3. No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board unless he shall first have been nominated by the Bishop.

Sec. 4. The former Canon of 1847, on this subject, is hereby repealed by this of 1849.

#### CANON VII.

##### *Mode of Trying Clergymen.*

Sec. 1. If a Clergyman of this Church, offend against any Canon of the General Convention of the Church, or against any Canon of this Diocese, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing by any two persons, who shall be Communicants, and one of them shall be a Presbyter of this Church.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee, if they deem the charges well founded, shall present said Clergyman to the Bishop for trial.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall, thereupon, summon a jury of three Presbyters, who shall be the judges both of the



APPENDIX F.

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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
PARISHES  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 25, 1847.

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ARTICLE I.

*Acceding to the General and Diocesan Constitution,  
Canons, &c.*

This Parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, expressly accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

*Use of the Church Building.*

The Church Building or House of Worship, belonging to this Parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved of by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

Sec. 10. In all cases where charges are canonically preferred against a Clergyman of this Church, the accused shall have the right to demand a trial, which demand must be made in writing, and if not granted within three months, the charges shall be discontinued.

### CANON VIII.

#### *Ritual Uniformity in this Diocese.*

Sec. 1. In the performance of the Ritual and ceremonies of the Church, where there is no positive interpretation of existing law either by Canon, or by solemn Declaration, or by Opinion of the House of Bishops, the Clergy of this Diocese shall be bound to the rule of what is usually called "*Common Law*,"—that is to say; they shall not for themselves and for their congregations in their public and official ministrations act according to private judgment, but according to the *general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States*.

Sec. 2. And in case there be in the mind of any Clergyman a doubt as to what that "*General Usage*" is, he shall not decide it for himself and for his congregation by his private opinion, but shall refer it to the *Judges* in this Canon appointed, who shall give to him an authoritative decision thereupon, founded upon the same principle of "*General Usage*:" Provided, alway, that there be, as aforesaid, no positive interpretation upon the point in question, either by Canon, or by Declaration, or by Opinion of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 3. The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, in council with the Standing Committee, are hereby established as the *Judges* or *Judicial Interpreters* for this Diocese of the Ritual Usage of the Church. And

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usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States" upon the point in question: which done, the Bishop shall, by letter, inform said Clergyman of the complaint, and of the decision of the Judges of General Usage. And the Bishop's notice, in either case, shall be considered a warning to said Clergyman to conform to the ritual practice of this Diocese as established and declared. And if a Clergyman, so warned, does not, within *thirty days*, notify the Bishop, by letter, of his intention to conform, he shall be proceeded against for breach of this Canon, in the manner provided by Canon VII., of this Diocese,—“ of the mode of trying Clergymen.”

## CANON IX.

*Alteration of Canons.*

No alteration in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

## ARTICLE IV.

### *Wardens.*

Sec. 1. It is recommended that the Wardens, as advisers to the Minister, be communicants of the Church.

Sec. 2. The Senior Warden, or in case of his inability to act, then the Junior Warden shall have the care of the "Record Book" of the parish, and shall cause to be copied therein all Documents bearing upon the history of the Parish.

Sec. 3. The Wardens shall have a care that the Church Building be kept from all secular, or other uses not authorized by Article II, of this Constitution; that it be kept in good repair as becometh the House of God.

Sec. 4. In case there be no Rector, or of absence or inability to act on his part, the Wardens according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry and of the Congregation. In case both the Rector and Wardens be absent, a Vestryman shall be chosen to preside.

Sec. 5. In case there be any Clergyman of the Church residing within this Parish, who shall conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the Rules of the Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Wardens shall in writing give notice thereof to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop.

Sec. 6. In the absence of the Wardens, their several duties shall devolve upon the Vestrymen.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Annual Elections.*

The Congregation of this Parish shall meet Annually on Monday of Easter week, and elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three, nor more than eight Vestry-

men, who shall continue to discharge the functions of their office during one year, or until their successors are elected in accordance with the Provisions of the act of the Legislature on the subject.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Vestrymen.*

Sec. 1. The Vestrymen, together with the Wardens, shall transact all the temporal business of the Parish; shall collect and disburse all money due for Church purposes, and shall at the end of every civil year—if the Treasury be deficient—collect as far as practicable, by subscriptions or otherwise, a sum sufficient to liquidate all the current expenses of the Church.

Sec. 2. The Vestry shall, on or before Easter Monday, cause to be written and placed in the hands of the Minister, but if there be no Minister, then the Senior Warden—a full, accurate and faithful statement of the temporal condition of the Parish as a body corporate: and at the meeting of the Congregation on Easter Monday, the Minister or Senior Warden shall, before balloting for Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the Congregation, and after deliver it to the new Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the Record Book of the Church, and the original shall be placed on file among the Parish Documents. The said statement shall declare what money, lands, or other property have been received during their term of office, and from what source. It shall further declare what money has been expended and for what objects: what property has been purchased, exchanged, mortgaged, sold or otherwise alienated or encumbered, and for what purposes.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Sec. 1. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by the Vestry, who shall serve till their successors in office are chosen.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Vestry; to take minutes of its proceedings, and when approved, to enter and attest the same in the "Book of Minutes" of the Vestry; it shall be his further duty to enter in the "Record Book" of the Church, the Minister's annual account of offerings, and the Vestry's annual account of the temporal condition of the Parish, and to preserve on file all the originals.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money collected under the authority of the Vestry—the reception and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for—and in case there be no collector appointed by the vestry, himself shall also collect the same.

Sec. 4. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order from the Vestry, signed by one of the Wardens. The Treasurer shall present to the Vestry, at least two weeks before Easter Monday, a full and accurate statement, accompanied with vouchers, of all monies received and paid by his department, since the last annual statement.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer, if he be not a member of the Vestry, shall attend its meetings when requested, and be guided by its advice in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, and be ready to answer all questions as to the state of the Treasury.

ARTICLE VIII.

*Vestry Meetings.*

Sec. 1. *Quarterly Meetings* of the Vestry shall be held on the first Monday of May, August, November and February.

*Special Meetings* may be held at such times as the Minister or any two of the members may desire.

Sec. 2. At every meeting of the Vestry, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, and if correct, approved; if incorrect, amended and approved.

At every quarterly meeting, the minutes of the last quarterly and of all subsequent special meetings shall be read.

ARTICLE IX.

*Altering of Constitution.*

Alterations, amendments or additions may at any time be made to this Constitution by the Annual Diocesan Convention.



## APPENDIX G.

### AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CARE OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:*

SEC. 1. That Paraclete Potter, John Catlin, J. A. Helfenstein, A. H. Smith, and John R. Phelps, of Wisconsin, and their successors duly elected and appointed in the manner hereinafter provided, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be competent to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to answer and be answered unto, in all courts of law and equity, and be capable of taking and holding by gift, grant and devise, and of purchasing, holding and conveying real estate and personal property; *Provided*, the yearly income of such property, both real or personal, shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The object of said corporation shall be the management and care of any funds which are now provided, or which may be hereafter contributed or acquired for the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, the income whereof to be appropriated by the said Trustees according to the directions to be from time to time given by the Convention of said Church in Wisconsin.

SEC. 3. The said Trustees shall be five in number, to be hereafter elected at each annual meeting of the Convention of said Church, and hold their offices for the period of one year from and after such elections, and until other Trustees shall have been elected and entered upon their duties.

SEC. 4. The said Trustees shall make a report at each annual Convention, exhibiting the amount and condition of the said funds and property under their charge.

SEC. 5. The said Trustees shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, to hold his appointment during their pleasure, and to be subject at all times to their control and direction, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of said Trustees, to receive and pay out all money, and take charge of and manage all the property, real and personal, which may be intrusted to the care of said board of Trustees for the use and benefit of the Church aforesaid, and to keep their books, accounts, and records; and who shall give such security for the faithful performance of the duties assigned to him, as may from time to time be deemed sufficient by said board of trustees.

SEC. 6. The said Trustees hereby incorporated shall be bound to conform to any instructions that may be given to them by the said Convention, touching the management of said funds and property, and the disposition of the income thereof: *Provided*, such instructions shall be in writing, and shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

APPROVED, March 1, 1848.

APPENDIX H.

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*Standing Committee.*

REV. BENJAMIN AKERLY, *President,*

“ WILLIAM ADAMS.

“ AZEL D. COLE,

“ DAVID KEENE, B. D., *Secretary.*

MR. CYRUS HAWLEY,

“ ALLEN W. HATCH,

“ J. E. COWLES,

HON. A. G. MILLER.

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*Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant  
copal Church in Wisconsin..*

MR. PHILO WHITE, *President,* Racine,

“ J. B. DOE,

“ J. A. HELFENSTEIN,

“ ALVA BROWN,

“ ISAAC J. ULLMAN.

HENRY ULLMAN, *Treasurer,* R

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*Deputies to General Convention.*

REV. SOLOMON DAVIS,

“ T. J. RUGER,

“ BENJAMIN AKERLY,

“ STEPHEN C. MILLETT,

MR. PHILO WHITE,

“ ALVA BROWN,

“ J. B. DOE,

“ J. A. HELFENSTEIN.

*Supplementary Deputies.*

Rev. AZEL D. COLE,  
“ DAVID KEENE, B. D.,  
“ E. A. GREENLEAF,  
“ JAS. ABERCROMBIE,  
Mr. ALLEN W. HATCH,  
“ JOHN S. ROCKWELL,  
“ J. E. COWLES.  
DANIEL BREAD, Degawyaderen, Oneida Chief.

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*Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.*

Rev. AZEL D. COLE,  
“ WILLIAM ADAMS,  
“ BENJAMIN AKERLY.

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*Board of Missions.*

The Bishop, together with the Standing Committee, constitute the Board of Missions for the Diocese.

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*Stated Collections..*

DIOCESAN MISSIONS: collections to be made *quarterly*, and forwarded to J. E. COWLES, Esq., Milwaukee, Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

CONVENTION FUND: A collection to be made *annually*, and forwarded to J. A. HELFENSTEIN, Esq., Milwaukee, Treasurer of Convention.

**EPISCOPAL FUND:** Collections to be made on *Christmas Day*, and on *Easter Sunday*, and forwarded to HENRY ULLMAN, Esq., Racine, Treasurer of the Funds, &c., of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.

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*Candidates for Orders.*

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| George F. Richards,    | John A. Bowman,         |
| Olof Forssin,          | Edward Goodnough,       |
| John O. Barton,        | John E. Battin,         |
| Albert Bingham,        | William F. G. Chadwick, |
| George P. Schetky,     | Lewis A. Kemper,        |
| Ebenezer Steele Peake, | Hugh Miller Thompson,   |
| Leonard R. Humphrey,   |                         |

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*Treasurer of the Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.*

HENRY ULLMAN, Racine.

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*Treasurer of the Board of Missions.*

J. E. COWLES, Milwaukee.

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*Treasurer of the Convention.*

J. ALBERT HELFENSTEIN, Milwaukee,

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*Conservator of Church Documents.*

REV. BENJAMIN AKERLY, Milwaukee.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Bishop in charge of the Diocese requests of the Clergy, to conform, as near as may be, to the following form, in their Annual Reports, in order that a tabular view of the state of the Church may be presented yearly.

NAME OF PARISH, \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MINISTER, \_\_\_\_\_

DATE, \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILIES connected with the Parish, number of \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUALS " " " " " " \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICANTS: Died —; removed —; added —; present No. - - - - -

BAPTISMS: Infants —; adults —; total - - -

CONFIRMED: Number of persons, - - -

MARRIAGES: Number of - - -

BURIALS: Infants —; adults —; total - - -

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: - - -

" " SCHOLARS: - - -

" " LIBRARY: Number of volumes, - - -

PARISH LIBRARY, - - -

OFFERINGS OF THE PARISH for Episcopal Fund; - - -

" " " " " Diocesan Missions: - - -

" " " " " Convention Fund: - - -

" " " " " Parish Poor: - - -

" " " " " Parochial Purposes:- - -



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PROCEEDINGS  
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FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH  
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## NOTICES.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, on the second Wednesday (the 13th) of June, 1851, at 10 1-2 o'clock,

### DEPUTIES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

Each Parish is to forward to the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, on or before the first day of May, in each year, a certified list of the Deputies and Supplementary Deputies elected to represent said Parish in the Annual Diocesan Convention.

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### COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR CONVENTION.

The Rev. B. Akers, and F. Randall, Esq., are appointed a committee to prepare Rules for the Government of our Annual Conventions, and to report the same to the Convention.

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### GENERAL CONVENTION.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church meets at Cincinnati, on Wednesday, Oct. 1850.

Deputies elect from this Diocese are requested to inform the Bishop, by letter, whether they intend to accept the appointment.

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The question being taken severally, upon  
sion of these Parishes, into Union with this  
they were thereupon received.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address

At a period like the present, when a cor-  
is using every effort to bewitch the wor-  
sorceries, it is delightful to meet a band o-  
who hold to that faith in all its purity whic-  
delivered to the saints, and who cordially r-  
testing against Rome. Let us thus conti-  
heart and one mind, rallying with earnestn-  
around that branch of the Holy Catholic an-  
Church, which our adorable Lord has plan-  
favored land, and the extension of which  
vitality, he has graciously committed to  
On every side, like the primitive believers,  
rounded by untiring emissaries of infidelity,  
heresy—the contest is a mighty one—perha

Let, then, every man that is among us, be enabled to give an account of the hope that is in him, and especially, let the ministers of the New Testament be ready with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word; to frame and fashion themselves and their families, according to the doctrine of Christ; and maintain and set forward quietness, peace and love among all Christian people. In reference to the duty sacredly incumbent upon us—the vocation we are now endeavoring to fulfil—I mean the accomplishment of the glowing predictions and holy will of our Divine Master—there is nothing more important than the increase of Clergymen and their more thorough preparation for the arduous and awfully responsible duties of the Ministry. We have been too careless, too unfaithful upon this subject. The admission of men into orders who are but slightly prepared, whose minds perhaps are undisciplined, who have not even acquired the habit of study, is an act of great cruelty to them and very injurious to our communion and the spiritual interests of its members. Our country abounds with vigorous minds which are incessantly active, and which apparently can only be won over to Christ by strong common sense, a thorough knowledge of human nature, a readiness to satisfy every anxious enquiry and ability to maintain and defend the revealed will of our Heavenly Father. I am happy to say that the Professors at Nashotah and the present ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese are most anxious to fulfil these views—so that all the future candidates may study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth. If they preach the word in constant reference to the presence of God and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; if they are instant in season and out of season; if they watch in all things, endure afflictions—and thereby make full proof of their ministry—we may hope and believe that our infant Diocese, under the divine blessing and with such

devoted and able laborers will rapidly increase in strength and godliness.

Since our last meeting, I have been delightfully and I trust diligently employed in the concerns of the Diocese. After the delivery of my address, but before the adjournment of the Convention, I admitted in St. Mathew's Church, Kenosha, on the 13th June, 1850, *Mr. George F. Richards*, a graduate of Nashotah, to Deacons' orders, and the *Rev. John McNamara* to the priesthood.

On the same day the Rev. Azel D. Cole accepted the Presidency of Nashotah. This Institution, so well known to you, was never in a healthier state. Some of you, I trust, will be enabled to attend the ordination of the senior class, which takes place next Sunday.

To the great regret of our members who reside at Geneva and Elkhorn, I transferred the Rev. John McNamara, at his own request, to the diocese of Illinois, immediately after his ordination. Having been a candidate of Wisconsin while he pursued his studies at the General Theological Seminary in New York, I had cherished the hope that our own field of labor would have enjoyed his services for many years.

The following Sunday, 16th June, I visited St. Olof's parish and confirmed twelve young persons. To this station, with the Scandinavian parish at Pine Lake, the Rev. Mr. Sorenson has devoted his energies for several years, amidst many disappointments and much poverty. All the services are in the Norwegian language, and in that language they must continue to be celebrated during the lives of the first emigrants. The large number of communicants authorises the expectation that they will be enabled, in the course of a few years, to sustain without further aid the ministrations of the gospel.

The Rev. George F. Richards having consented to assist the Rev. John Hall, of Ashtabula in Ohio, I transferred him on the 16th June to Bishop McIlvaine; and on the same day I transferred the Rev. James Lloyd Breck from this diocese to Minnesota, the jurisdiction of which I retain as Missionary Bishop.

Accompanied by the Rev. S. C. Millett, I made a journey of a few days towards the north. The night of the 18th June I preached at *Watertown*; and the following days were devoted to *Horicon* and *Maysville*, at both of which I preached; at the former, the Eucharist was administered, at which there were seven communicants, and at the latter I confirmed two persons, who were presented for that apostolic rite by the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, who visits these places once in a month as a diocesan Missionary. The next day, *Beaver Dam* and *Fox Lake* were visited; and on the 21st, a service was held at *Kingston*. Here the Rev. Mr. Bartlett joined us and went with us to *Marquette*, where there was an appointment which we were unable to fulfil, in consequence of a heavy rain. On the evening of the 23d we preached in a school house at *Little Green*.

Sunday, the 23d June, was a most lovely day. A large congregation assembled, some of whom came from a considerable distance, and *Christ Church, Green Lake, Marquette county*, was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. For this small but comfortable edifice we are greatly indebted to the untiring efforts of the venerable George Pomroy and lady. That afternoon I was enabled to reach *Dartford*, where public worship was duly celebrated. In all the services of this day I was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Millett and Bartlett.

Having passed the night on the banks of the Fox River, at the residence of Mr. Kissam, we went the next day to *Strongville*, where I preached, and baptized an infant. This is a most thriving place and deserves early attention, for it already contains several Episcopaliana. Among other gratifying events, none was more so than to meet, as we rode into the village, a churchman well known and beloved by many of us, who had walked thirty miles to attend public worship. He had gone in the spring with his family to the land lately purchased of the Menomonees, to secure a claim. Having heard the evening before of my appointment, he started at midnight in company with one of the Nasho-

tah students, and was at the place, ready to unite with his brethren in the soul-cheering worship of the Church.

The next day, June 25th, passing through Ripon, we reached Rosendale, where we found the excellent reader, Mr. Burger, persevering in his efforts for the Church, amidst many discouragements. We celebrated divine service at 5 o'clock in the evening.

From this visitation I returned on the 27th June.

I now remained for some time at home, in order to supply a large district with the solemn services of the Sanctuary, for the Rev. Mr. Cole had not yet returned from Racine, and the Professor of Systematic Divinity and the rector of St. Sylvanus parish were necessarily absent at the east.

The 30th June I officiated twice at Nashotah, and baptized a sick child in private. I likewise officiated there twice every Sunday during July, and on the 4th, 11th, and 18th of August, excepting on the 4th, when I was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Ingraham in the morning.

On Sunday, 25th August, I officiated three times at *Whitewater*. The following Sunday, 1st Sept., was devoted to *Racine*, where I united in the services of the day with the Rev. Mr. Cole, and confirmed a lady. The next Sunday, 8th Sept., I was at *Bloomfield*, where I preached, baptized an infant, confirmed one person, and administered the Lord's Supper to twenty-one communicants. The regular services of the Church are duly celebrated on all the Sundays, besides the other festivals, and on the fasts of the Church, and the music is most appropriately and solemnly conducted by a well-instructed choir of lads. The evening of this day I preached at *Geneva*, where efforts I was assured will be made for the erection of a Church.

I now made an interesting and gratifying visit to Manitowoc, where I preached twice, baptized five children, confirmed four young persons, and celebrated the holy communion, of which nine individuals participated. At night, there was a service and sermon at the Rapids.

Sunday, the 15th Sept. was given to Manitowoc, and the next Sunday to *Elkhorn*, where I preached twice, administered the holy communion to fourteen recipients, and baptized six children.

The time having arrived for the General Convention, I left home the 25th Sept. for Cincinnati, and reached that city the evening of the 28th. The Journal of that great Council of our Church is before you. In all the deliberations, not only of the House of Bishops, but of the General Missionary Society, our Sunday School Union and the Historical Society, I took a part and voted according to the best of my judgment. Peace and concord were greatly promoted I believe by the assembly of the faithful from every part of our extensive country. The hospitality extended to us was unbounded and untiring.

The first Sunday after my return was devoted to *Waukesha*, where, on the 27th Oct. I preached twice and administered the holy communion. The indefatigable rector was still absent in pursuit of funds for the erection of a church in some degree suitable to the size of the congregation and the growth of the place.

The month of November was occupied by a visitation of Iowa. Returning from that State, I spent Sunday, the 1st December, at Mineral Point, where I found the parish in a promising state, under the ministry of Rev. James DePui. Here I preached twice, and laid hands on six candidates for the apostolic rite of confirmation.

After remaining at home for some days, during which I celebrated a marriage, visited Nashotah, and supplied the place of the Rev. Mr. Cole, on Sunday, 8th December, I went to Milwaukee, where I solemnized the marriage of a Rev. Brother, and attended the examinations of a candidate for the ministry.

On Sunday, 15th Dec., in *St. John's Church, Milwaukee*, I preached, confirmed one person, and admitted *Mr. John A. Borman* to the holy order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by the Rev. David Keene. That night I preached at St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.



The next Sunday, Dec. 22d, was devoted to *ville*, a small village a few miles from my residence in the neighborhood of which there are several families. Here I celebrated divine service and preached twice.

The festival of our blessed Lord's nativity was at home. In the solemn services of that day I was with President Cole and Professor Adams at Nash Chapel.

On Sunday, 29th Dec. I visited *St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha*, where I preached three times and laid on five persons who renewed in that ordinance baptismal vows.

I assisted the Rev. Mr. Markoe in the services at *Sylvan's Parish* on the first day of the present year by preaching and administering the Eucharist.

The parish of *St. Albans, Lisbon*, was visited on the 5th Jan. I preached here in the morning, and dinner started with the Rev. Mr. Armstrong for a settlement, about eight miles distant, where he had been accustomed to officiate as circumstances permitted. Several families had moved away, but some still remain who are grateful for an opportunity of worshipping God of their fathers in the same liturgical service which they had been accustomed to unite from childhood.

On the 7th January, accompanied by one of Nashotah students, I commenced a more extensive tour towards the North than I had attempted during summer. That night I preached at *Watertown* and confirmed one person. On the 8th I preached at *Bass Lake*, on the 9th at *Fox Lake*, on the 10th at *Clarks Lake*, on the 11th at *Ripon*, on the 12th at *Dartford*, on the 13th at *Strongville*, on the 14th at *Marquette*, on the 15th at *Fort Winnebago*, on the 16th at *Adams* and on the 17th at *Kingston*. At *Fox Lake* I believe a mission would be usefully employed in building up a parish, there are several persons attached to the church in the village and its neighborhood. The church at *Clarks Lake*

Lake to my regret was closed, the Rev. Mr. Bartlett having resigned this mission for that at Marquette. I hoped before I left the neighborhood I had made sufficient arrangements for its being steadily supplied every Lord's day. Here the Rev. Mr. Ingraham met me and travelled with me for some days. He is settled as the Minister of Dartford and Strongville, having his residence at the former place. The zeal of the few Episcopalians who reside at Dartford and the rapid growth of Strongville warrant the expectation that we shall soon have flourishing parishes in both places. Mr. Ingraham visits Ripon at least once a month as a Diocesan missionary. Here he presented one candidate for confirmation, and two at Dartford, where I likewise baptized his infant son. At Fort Winnebago, a village of great promise which has just sprung into existence at the Portage of the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers, I was most gratified. A parish had been organized but a few days before my arrival. At the celebration of divine service in one of the apartments of the old fort, the number who united in the service was so great that I think a flourishing congregation could soon be collected by an active missionary. Here I baptized an infant. Knowing there was at least one church family at Adams, I determined to visit it. It is a beautiful village in the middle of a fine country, on the Baraboo, about fifteen miles from the Portage. Here I baptized an infant and preached. Several persons expressed to me an attachment to the church and a desire to enjoy the privileges of her worship. The Rev. Mr. Bartlett met me at Kingston, notwithstanding the intense cold, and took part in the services of the evening. Here, and I may say in many places which I visit, there are men who are brought up in the bosom of the church and are longing for the time to come when they can again go up with grateful hearts to the House of Prayer. We arrived the evening of the 17th at Waupun at too late an hour to make an appointment, but not too late to find some persons who belong to the Church.

The next day we reached *Fond du Lac* where I was most kindly received by the Rev. Mr. Sweet and was glad to be sheltered for a day or two from travelling in an open wagon when the thermometer was 16° degrees below zero at 8 o'clock A. M. Here on Sunday the 19th, I preached twice.

On the 20th we reached *Rosendale*, where I preached twice, and where the prospects of a parish are quite encouraging.

An appointment having been made for me at an early hour at Oshkosh, I was enabled to arrive there in time, through the kindness of Col. B. Pinckney of Rosendale, and on the 21st January preached twice, confirmed three persons and administered the Lord's Supper to two members. This place is regularly visited by Mr. Sweet. He was unable, however, in consequence of teaching a school, to accompany me thither. A congregation has been organized and offers of lots have been made for the erection of a church.

On the 22d I officiated at *Neenah*, and the next day at *Menasha*, two new villages opposite each other on the Fox. I found members of the Church at both places.

I then hastened on to *Green Bay* where I preached on the night of the 25th of January. This old settlement is now reviving, and in fact the whole valley of the Fox is being settled with numerous emigrants. Villages are rising into existence in every direction.

My visit to the *Onsidas* was as usual deeply interesting. At the request of the Chiefs, I walked with them, the clergy and the whole congregation to an elevated piece of ground, which had been neatly enclosed, and by solemn prayer consecrated it as a resting place for the bodies of those who die in the faith of the Lord Jesus.

Six persons renewed their baptismal vows and about eighty assembled around the Lord's table. The church requires enlargement. I was called upon to dedicate two infants to the Holy Trinity in the waters of regeneration, one of whom was the son of the Rector.

The next day being Sunday, 26th January, I preached—

ed at Green Bay both morning and night and confirmed one person. During the afternoon I rode upon the river to *De Pere* with the excellent Mr. Homman, and preached to a large congregation he is collecting in that growing place.

After encountering a good deal of severe weather and several disappointments, I met the Rev. L. W. Davis at Plymouth where several members of his parish had lately settled, and officiated on the 31st. He read prayers and baptized an infant and I preached. The next day I returned with him to Sheboygan, where I preached twice, and at his request baptized an infant.

On my way home I passed through Port Washington where I learned the services of the Church would be very acceptable to a few persons; and I promised to visit them at the earliest opportunity.

The following Sunday as the Rev. Mr. Cole desired to visit Milwaukee, I supplied his place, and officiated in the morning at Nashotah chapel, and in the evening at Oconomowoc, a thriving village five miles from the Mission, and where there is every prospect that a flourishing parish will exist.

The 12th Feb., I officiated at Elkhorn; called the next day at Delavan and Janesville, and arrived on the 18th at Beloit, where I was occupied during two days with some of the clergy in examining a candidate; and on Sunday morning, 16th February, I admitted Mr. Leonard Ravella Humphrey to Deacons' orders. On this occasion the candidate was presented by his venerable father, the Rev. Aaron Humphrey, and divine service was celebrated by the Rector, the Rev. S. C. Millet. One person was confirmed. After two full services, during both of which I preached, I went to Janesville and preached again and confirmed two persons. On my way home, I spent part of a day at Whitewater, preached and administered the Lord's supper to twelve communicants. Here I found the Rev. John A. Bowman.

Several of the clergy of the Diocese having, at my request, consented to attend a trial in Iowa, I supplied

ministered the Eucharist, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Keene and Merrick. In the afternoon I preached at St. James', and at night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Manney, the rector of the Church in which we are now assembled presented at the Church eight candidates for the apostolic rite of confirmation.

The changes in the list of clergy have been too numerous. The Rev. George R. Bartlett has resigned Green Lake, and is now officiating at Marquette, in the same county. The Rev. James Lloyd Breck has removed to Minnesota, and no longer belongs to Wisconsin. The Rev. Azel D. Cole resigned the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Racine, and is now President of the Theological School at Nashotah. The Rev. J. De Pui resigned the rectorship of Trinity Church, Mineral Point, and succeeded Mr. Cole at Racine.

Soon after his settlement there he received an appointment to a Chaplaincy in the Army, and is now on his way to Fort Kearney—thus the Church at Racine is again vacant. The Rev. Otis Hackett is now a missionary at Keokuk, in Iowa. The Rev. George F. Richards removed to Ohio, as I have already stated, immediately after he was admitted to orders. The Rev. F. W. Hatch removed to St. Louis, and received from me letters of transfer to Missouri. The Rev. John McNamara has been transferred to Illinois. The Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham has returned to us from Tennessee, and is now officiating at Dartford, Strongville, and Ripon, in Marquette County. The Rev. William H. Woodward was transferred from Michigan, and is now officiating at Madison. The Rev. Solon Manney, formerly of Indiana, is now rector at St. James' Church, a new parish lately organized in this city. The Rev. Samuel G. Callahan has been transferred from Maryland, and is residing at Dartford. The Rev. John A. Bowman, and the Rev. Leonard R. Humphrey, deacons, have been added to our number by ordination. Mr. Bowman lately officiated at Whitewater, and Mr. Humphrey in Rock county.

There are at present twelve candidates belonging to

diocese, namely, John O. Barton, John E. Battin, Art Bingham, George P. Schetky, Edward Goodrich, William F. G. Chadwick, Ebenezer S. Peeke, Asa A. Kemper, Hugh M. Thompson, S. Farmer Jarboe, Henry C. Shaw and Thomas Green.

Twenty-three persons have been confirmed since our convention, and during that period I have baptized thirteen, two adults and twenty-four children, all of whom, excepting five children, will be reported from their respective parishes.

There are various topics, dear brethren, of great importance, and in which the future welfare and prosperity of our diocese is involved, which deserve your deliberation.

The Mission School, at Nashotah, is full of promise, and richly merits your affections and prayers. If we surround it with confidence, and interest our Eastern friends in its prosperity, it may for years to come be the School towards which the whole north-west will flock for able and devoted heralds of the Cross.

Should we not to adopt some measures in reference to the Legiate Institution? I suggest the appointment of a committee upon the subject, to whom I shall be able to communicate some encouraging facts.

Our parish schools, seminaries for the education of girls, the influence of gospel principles, and orphan asylums and hospitals, and a burying ground for each, ought not to be postponed too long. Let us sustain the Church as it is, in all her integrity and strength—let us imbibe the spirit which actuated her confessors and martyrs in every age—let us imitate the generous and devoted spirit of him whose sudden death we so greatly deplore, and we shall soon be required to strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords of our redeemed Zion. A few laymen like R. Ralston Cox, by his means, his disposition, and his love of Christ and his Church, will soon place our diocese on the firm foundation.

It will be perceived by the report of the Treasurer

of the Diocesan Board of Missions, that we have been enabled with our limited funds to supply several important stations with, if not frequent, yet stated appointments for public worship; among them are Oshkosh, Mayville, Horicon, Ripon and Hartford. Some aid too was afforded the missionary at the beginning of his settlement at Madison.

I am deeply anxious that all the Missionaries of the Domestic committee, and all the parishes that have been aided from that source for two or more years past, should determine as soon as possible to relinquish an income, which, however small, is wanted at other places, where there are many of the household of faith who have for years been deprived of all the privileges of the sanctuary. Cannot the lay brethren in many cases multiply their contributions; and cannot, if necessary, a few of the clergy enlarge the bounds of their operations? I am unwilling that even one person who seeks or pants for those precious consolations which the Church affords, should be deprived of them. And how can we extend them blessings unless we are all willing to make sacrifices and redouble our exertions in the Redeemer's cause?

May the eternal Spirit enlighten our minds, sanctify our affections, and give us a right judgment in all things.

JACKSON KEMPER,

Bishop in charge of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

The Committee on Lay-Delegates, then reported the names of the following gentlemen as entitled to seats:

*St. James', Milwaukee.*—Francis Randall, J. B. Seby, Jr., Russell N. Kimball, C. O. Belden.

*Trinity Church, Marquette.*—Lyman Angier, J. C. Potter, George Danes.

*Grace Church, Dartford.*—Edward A. Keene.

The report of the standing committee of the Diocese was then read, accepted and ordered on file.

## REPORT

*Of the Standing Committee for 1850 & 1851.*

Your committee respectfully report—That the first meeting of the Fourth Standing Committee of this Diocese, was held in St. Matthew's Church, Waukesha, on the 18th day of June, A. D., 1850.

At this meeting, testimonials were given, recommending GEORGE F. RICHARDS, for Deacon's orders.

Another meeting of this Committee, was held on the 25th of June, 1850. At which meeting, the committee was organized by the election of Rev. B. AKERLY, President, and the Rev. D. KEENE, Secretary.

At this meeting a certificate was given recommending SAMUEL FARMER JARVIS, Jr., to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

On motion, it was, *Resolved*, That this Committee meet regularly, in the Vestry room of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, on the last Thursday of each month.

Whereupon, the Regular Monthly Meeting was held on the 25th day of July, 1850. There being no business before the Committee at this meeting, the committee resolved itself into a Board of Missions for the Diocese of Wisconsin.

## BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Right Rev. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D., in the chair

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be authorized to appropriate seventy-five dollars to Madison; and to Manitowoc, fifty dollars, (per annum) towards securing the settlement of a Clergyman at each of these places; also, five dollars per month to each clergyman, as he may designate, to visit destitute stations, where church families reside. And that the Bishop be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the funds necessary to meet these appropriations. Also,

*Resolved*, That as the Diocesan Convention has placed all moneys, contributed for missionary purposes, at



the disposal of this Board, we do now proceed to elect a Treasurer to be called "The Treasurer of the Board of Missions," into whose hands the offerings of the several Parishes for missionary purposes are to be placed.

On motion, J. E. Cowles, was unanimously elected Treasurer.

A Special Meeting was held on September 12th, 1850. At this meeting a testimonial was given recommending Henry Clay Shaw, to be admitted a candidate for holy orders. Also,

A letter was laid before the Committee, preferring charges for immorality against the Rev. Zechariah H. Goldsmith, of Iowa. The Missionary Bishop of the North-West, having requested the action of the Standing Committee of this Diocese in the premises, it was therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Zechariah H. Goldsmith of Iowa, be presented to the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Missionary Bishop of the North-West, for trial. It was also

*Resolved*, That the Rev. B. Akerly, or in case of his inability to act, the Rev. M. Hoyt, be appointed Judge Advocate, in the case of the Rev. Z. H. Goldsmith.

A Special Meeting, was held on Dec. 6th, 1850, when testimonials were given, recommending the Rev. Otis Hackett, Deacon, for Priest's orders. This meeting at the request of the Bishop, adjourned to Dec. 27th.

At this adjourned meeting it was

*Resolved*, That the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D.D. be refunded twenty-three dollars from the Diocesan fund, being the amount paid by him on behalf of this Diocese. Also,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to address a circular to the Clergy of the Diocese, urging upon them the necessity of making regular quarterly Diocesan Missionary collections.

At this meeting a certificate was given recommending Thomas Green to be admitted a candidate for holy orders.

At a Special Meeting on February 14th, 1851,

Testimonials were given recommending L. R. Humey for the Holy Order of Deacons. Also, consent was given for the consecration of the Rev. Francis Huger Rutledge, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Florida, in the way and manner prescribed by the General Convention.

At the Regular Monthly Meeting on May the 29th, testimonials were given, recommending the following persons to the Holy order of Deacons:

John Oliver Barton, Albert Bingham, John Edmund Martin, George Patterson Schetky.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Rev. B. AKERLY, President.

J. KEENE, Secretary.

The Report from the Trustees of the Funds and Property of the P. E. Church, was then read, accepted and referred to the committee on Finance, to report thereon. In motion, Lindsey Ward and B. McVickar were added to the committee on Finance.

The committee on Lay-delegates reported the following gentlemen as entitled to seats in this Convention:

*Christ Church, Delavan.*—Walter Wells.

*St. Matthew's, Kenosha.*—Josiah Bond, Benjamin Adams, F. A. Marshal, H. Groesbeck.

The Parochial Reports were then read.

In motion, a Canon relating to the dissolution of all moral connection between Ministers and their Congregations, was proposed and referred to the committee on Canons.

In motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8 A. M.

## SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

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THURSDAY, 8 A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer by the Rev. L. W. Davis.

The Convention having been called to order, the names of the Clerical and Lay delegates were called.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the establishment of a Female Seminary, be referred to a committee of three.

On motion, *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to a Diocesan College be referred to a committee of three for consideration, to report during the present convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the committee on canon law be requested to take into consideration the canon on the "mode of trying Clergymen," and report a canon on that subject at the next Annual Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Sections 3 and 4 of canon VIII be so amended as to read as follows in the place of the present reading:

*Present Reading.* SEC. 3. The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, in council with the Standing Committee, are hereby established as Judges or Judicial Interpreters, for this Diocese, of the Ritual usage of the Church. And their decisions so pronounced, and given in writing, shall be binding upon the clergy of the Diocese, in their performance of the service of the Church.

*Proposed Reading.* SEC. 3. The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, together with the Presbyters of the Diocese in convocation assembled, are hereby established as Judges, or Judicial Interpreters, for this Diocese, of the Ritual usages of the Church. And the decisions of a majority of the Presbyters of the Diocese so pronounced and authenticated by the signature of the said Bishop, shall be binding upon the clergy of the Diocese in the performance of the services of the Church.

SEC. 4. Proposed to be amended, by striking out the words, "Secretary of the Standing Committee," and substituting "Secretary of the Convocation."

This resolution was referred to the committee on canons, who reported as follows:

The committee on canons respectfully report that they deem it inexpedient to adopt the proposed amendments to canon VIII. JAMES ABERCROMBIE.

On motion, the following "Canon on contumacy" was proposed and referred to the committee on canons.

Whereas, it may happen that a clergyman may after trial, be admonished or suspended, and then may not submit to the sentence of the Court, but continue in his ministrations, as if no action had been taken, it is therefore,

*Resolved*, That such conduct is hereby defined and established as a canonical offence, by the name of "contumacy," for which he may be tried and punished.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of a standing committee for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were elected:

Rev. B. Akerly.

“ S. W. Manney,

“ D. Keene,

“ W. Adams,

Messrs. C. Hawley.

“ A. G. Miller.

“ J. E. Cowles,

“ A. W. Hatch.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the funds and property of the P. E. Church in Wisconsin, submitted their report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions having been read, was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a draft of a bill for the incorporation of the parishes of this church ; also a bill for the incorporation of the trustees of the funds and property of the P. E. Church in Wisconsin, and secure, if possible, their passage at the ensuing Legislature. *Lost*.

The committee, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the establishment of a Female Seminary, in accordance with the principles of the church, respectfully report: That in their opinion it is highly desirable such Institutions should be established in various parts of the Diocese.

AND WHEREAS, It has been represented to the committee, that certain ladies are desirous of establishing an Institution of this kind, therefore they would respectfully suggest that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the said ladies, on the propriety of locating said school in the city of Milwaukee, or its vicinity, which in the opinion of the committee is the proper place for beginning such an enterprise.

Rev. M. HOYT,

C. O. BELDEN,

B. McVICKAR.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the eighth canon of this Diocese be and is hereby repealed.

During the discussion of this resolution, the convention adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The discussion on the resolution was resumed, and the question being taken by orders it was lost.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a law for the incorporation of parishes and report the same to the next annual convention for further action.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, submitted the following report: That they find the report and account of the Treasurer correct and move their acceptance. Report accepted and placed on file.

Board of Missions, in Account with J. E. COWLES, Treasurer.

1850.—Dr. To. Oct. 14, Amount paid Rev. W. H. Woodward per order, \$25.00; 1851—Jan'y 7, Rev. M. Hoyt, \$15.00; Jan'y 23, Rev. W. H. Woodward, \$25.00; Feb. 18, M. F. Sorenson, \$15.00; Feb. 11, J. P. T. Ingraham, \$15.00; Feb. 14, M. F. Sorenson, \$10.00; March 2, M. Hoyt, \$15.00; May 3, J. Sweet, \$35.00; May 25, J. P. T. Ingraham, \$15.00; June 10, of Bishop Kemper's receipt to late Treasurer, \$46.72—Total, \$216.72.

1850.—Cr. By—July 25, Cash per Bishop Kemper, \$76.72; Nov. 23, Christ Church, Green Bay, \$6.00; Dec. 8, Christ Ch., Green Bay, \$6.00; 1851—Feb. 13, St. Paul's, Milwaukee, \$18.87; Feb. 26, St. Paul's Milwaukee, \$12.54; March 27, St. Sylvanus' Parish, \$7.04; June 10, Christ Church, Green Bay, \$6.00; June 10, Cash from late Treasurer, \$36.57; June 10, Bishop Kemper's receipt to Treasurer as cash, \$46.72—Total, \$216.46; Balance due Treasurer, \$0.26—\$216.72.

Respectfully,  
J. E. COWLES.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the

Bishop's address as relates to a Diocesan College asked to be continued. Consent was given.

Committee on canons reported a canon entitled, "C the dissolution of all pastoral connection between Ministers and their congregations."

On motion, the Canon being so amended as to read "Provided, always, that all arrears of salary due by the said parish to the clergyman be discharged before the dissolution goes into effect," was passed.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Fund and Property of the Prot Epis. Church in Wisconsin.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were elected:

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| Philo White,       | Isaac J. Ullman, |
| B. McVickar,       | H. W. Bennett,   |
| Marshal M. Strong. |                  |

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of deputies to the General Convention, whereupon the following gentlemen were declared elected:

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| Rev. Benjamin Akerly, | Messrs. B. McVickar, |
| " S. W. Manney,       | " Philo White,       |
| " David Keene,        | " Francis Randall,   |
| " Melancthon Hoyt.    | " A. W. Hatch,       |

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Right Rev. Bishop in charge of the Diocese be requested to divide this Diocese into Convocational Districts, in which the clergy having Parochial charge may meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon, for mutual counsel and assistance.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Convention, beg leave to

That they find the report correct and also recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary apportion the expenses of the Convention and printing of the Journal among several parishes of the Diocese, and that the Journal of the present convention be not printed until parishes have paid their quota. Report accepted. Resolution passed.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION FUND.

HELFFENSTEIN, in account with the Convention Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin:

To balance due Treasurer at last settlement, \$68.40; to add on account of Journal for 1850, \$40—\$108.40.

Nov. 4, By cash from M. P. Church, (Trinity), \$7.50; May 26, By cash from Church of Holy Comm., Bloomington, \$3.95; June 11, By cash from Christ Church, Green Bay, \$3.00; June 10, By cash from St. Paul's, Milwaukee, \$10.00; June 11, By cash from St. Sylvanus' Church, \$10.00—\$41.05. There is a balance due the Sentinel and Gazette, for publishing Journal of 1850, \$88.98; quota due several Conventions, paid by and now due to Bishop Kemper. Balance due by Convention—\$147.98.

J. A. HELFFENSTEIN, Treasurer.

motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are due to the Rev. B. Akerly, for his faithful services as Secretary, during a long term of years, in the organization of the Diocese.)

motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Treasurer of the Convention, whereupon FRANCIS MALL was elected.

motion, the Convention adjourned till 8 o'clock



8 o'clock P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. M. Hoyt, assisted by Rev. G. R. Bartlett.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention. Whereupon the following gentlemen were elected:

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| Rev. Wm. Markoe,     | Messrs. C. O. Belden, |
| " A. D. Cole,        | David Beech,          |
| " James Abercrombie, | J. E. Cowles,         |
| " G. R. Bartlett,    | J. B. Selby, Jr.      |

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese be held in St. Paul's Church, in the city of Milwaukee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the clergy of this Diocese having charge of a Parish, be required to take up a collection once in each year, on some occasion of public worship, and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Convention, for the purpose of defraying in part or whole the travelling expenses of the clerical members of the Convention, the apportionment to be made according to the distance they travel; said apportionment never to exceed five cents per mile each way.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary and his assistant, with the Bishop, be a committee to prepare condensed account of the proceedings of this Convention, and publish it some church paper.

*Resolved*, That the same be a committee to publish the Journal when they can.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention are due to the Rector and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, for the use of their church edifice, and to the members of the congregation for their kindness and hospitality.

The Secretary then read the minutes, which being approved, after singing the 25th hymn, and prayers and blessing by the Bishop, the convention adjourned *ad die*.

SOLON W. MANNEY, *Secretary*.

## APPENDIX A.

### DEFERRED REPORTS.

**Report of Committee on Canons :—On Canon VIII—Mode of trying clergymen, p. 13—“ of contumacy.” To prepare an act for incorporation of parishes. On Diocesan College.**

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## APPENDIX B.

### PAROCHIAL AND MISSIONARY REPORTS.

**Christ Church, Green Bay—Rev. W. Homman, Rector.**

Families, 42 ; Individuals, 176 ; Communicants, removed 3, added 6, present number 53 ; Baptisms, infants 5, adults 1—6 ; Confirmed, 1 ; Marriages, 6 ; Burials, 8 ; Public Services, 146 ; S. S. Teachers, 7 ; S. S. Scholars, 35 ; S. S. Library, vols., 200 ; Parish Library, vols., 135.

Offerings—For Episcopal Fund, \$12.25 ; Diocesan Missions, \$18 ; Convention Fund, \$11 ; Parish Poor, \$2.25 ; Parochial purposes, \$67.97 ; Foreign Missions, \$5 ; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$3.50 ; Pastors' Library Association, Philadelphia, \$5—Total, \$124.97.

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**Hobart Church, Duck Creek—Rev. F. R. Haff, B. D., Rector.**

Baptists, infants 20, adults 1, 21 ; Confirmations, 6 ; Marriages, 8 ; Burials, 17 ; Communicants, 155 ; Contributions out of the Parish, \$8.

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**St. Mathias' Church, Kenosha, Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, Rector.**

Families, 64 ; Individuals, 180 ; Communicants, died 1, removed 5, added 8, present number 76 ; Baptisms, infants 10, adults 2, 12 ; Confirmed, 6 ; Marriages, 6 ; Burials, 9 ; S. S. Teachers, 6 ; S. S. Scholars, 30 ; Parish Library, vols., 100 ; Weekly offerings for Parochial purposes, \$97.28 ; Weekly offerings for Minnesota, \$10.

**St. Paul's Church, Beloit—S. C. Millett, Rector.**

Baptisms, adults 1, infants 1, 2 ; Confirmations, 1 ; Communicants, 38 ; Marriages, 4 ; Families, 25.

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**St. John's Church, in the Wilderness, Elkhorn—(vacant)**

Families, 7 ; Individuals, 28 ; Communicants, 17 ; Baptisms, infants 6, adults 1, 7 ; Burials, 1 ; S. S. Teachers, 4 ; S. S. Scholars, 30 ; Parish and S. S. Volumes, 100.—Wm. Lupton, Sen., Warden.

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**St. Luke's, Whitewater.—Rev. John A. Bowman, Deacon.**

Communicants, 8 ; Individuals, 70 ; Baptised Infants, 2

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**St. Alban's Church, Sussex—Rev. W. C. Armstrong, B. D., Rector.**

Families 25 ; Communicants, removed 7, added 6, present number 43 ; Baptisms, infants, 12 ; Marriages, 1 ; Burials, 4 ; S. S. Teachers, 2 ; S. S. Scholars, 20 ; S. S. Volumes, 100 ; Parish Volumes, 51 ; offering for Episcopal Fund, \$5.10 ; offering for Parish, \$23.

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**St. Luke's Church, Racine—Vacant.**

Families, 114 ; Individuals, 466 ; Communicants, 112 ; Baptisms, infants 8, adults 4, 12 ; Confirmed, 1 ; Marriages, 4 ; Burials, 5 ; S. S. Teachers, 6 ; S. S. Scholars, 40. Offerings—Episcopal Fund, \$5.10 ; Diocesan Missions, \$10.13 ; Convention Fund, \$8 ; Parochial purposes, \$45 ; Sunday School, \$6.36.  
PHILO WHITE, Vestryman.

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**St. Matthew's Church, Waukesha—Rev. J. Abercrombie, Rector.**

Communicants, removed 3, suspended 1, present number 22 ; Baptisms, infants, 6 ; Marriages, 1 ; Burials 1 ; S. S. volumes, 89 ; Parish volumes, 26 ; offerings for Convention Fund, \$2.25.

**Trinity Church, Janesville—Rev. T. J. Ruger, Rector.**

Families, 80 ; Individuals, 800 ; Communicants, died 2, removed 5, 77 ; Baptisms 12, adults 1, 13 ; Confirmed, 2 ; Marriages, 1 ; Burials, 6 ; S. S. Teachers, 13 ; S. S. Scholars, 80 ; S. S. Volumes, 200. Offerings—for Episcopal Fund, \$4 ; Diocesan Missions, \$4 ; Convention Fund, \$7 ; Parish poor, \$5 ; Parish purposes, \$25 ; Foreign Missions, \$5.

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**St. Oloff's Parish, Ashippun ; and Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake—Rev. M. F. Sorenson, B. D., Rector.**

Families at St. Oloff's 71, Scand 17—88 ; Communicants, (removed 6) 212 ; Baptisms, infants, 40 ; Confirmed, 12 ; Marriages, 6 ; Burials, 14 ; Offerings for parochial purposes, \$32, 50.

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**Christ's Church, Delavan—Rev. Mr. S. McHugh, Rector.**

Families, 27 ; Individuals, 124 ; Communicants, 80 ; Baptisms, Infants, 2 ; Confirmed, 1 ; Marriages, 8 ; Burials, 7 ; S. S. Scholars, 20 ; S. S. vols., 100 ; Offerings : parochial purposes, \$2,50.

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**Grace Church, Madison—Rev. Wm. H. Woodward, Rector.**

Communicants, 22 ; Families, 25 ; Baptisms, Infants, 4 ; Confirmed, 3 ; Marriage, 1 ; Burials, 1 ; S. S. Teachers, 4 ; S. S. Scholars, 20 ; S. S. vols., 30 ; Offerings : Rectors support, \$15,00 ; Building fund, \$5,60—\$20,60 ; contribution for building purposes, \$296,78 ; materials and labor, \$90,00—\$407,38.

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**St. Sylvanus Parish, Nashotah Lakes—Rev. W. Markoe, Rector.**

Communicants, died 1, removed 7, forsaken their parish 6, added 19, present number, 51 ; Individuals, 114 ; Baptisms, infants 16, adults 1, 17 ; Confirmed, 12 ; Marriages, 1 ; Burials, 5 ; Catechists, 2 ; Catechetical class, 14 ; Offerings for Episcopal fund, \$80,60 ; Diocesan missions, \$5,00 ; Convention fund \$10 ; Parochial purposes, \$93,83—\$189,43.

Trinity Church, Oconomowoc—Rev. A. D. Cole, D. D.

Families, 20; Individuals, 85; Communicants, 15; Baptisms, adults 1, infants 1, 2; Marriages, 1.

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Trinity Church, Milwaukee—vacant.

The spiritual condition of Trinity Church is so merged of St. James', (which latter forms a component part of boundaries, and indeed, now covers in reality the same ground) that the Rector and Vestry of that church will furnish statistics and information of interest in regard to our people as well as theirs. \* \* \* Distracting debts were the principal cause of our failure. These debts were about \$1,200 sold the church property to a German Lutheran Society \$1,400—of this \$549.50 has been paid. The payment balance will enable us to pay off all our debts and have \$100 in our Treasury.

J. B. SELBY, Senior Warden

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Grace Church, Sheboygan—Rev. L. W. Davis, Rector

Families, 17; Communicants, added 7, removed 8, 19 baptisms, infants 10; Marriages, 3; Burials, 4; S. S. Teachers, 1; S. S. Scholars, 17; S. S. Volumes, 125; Offerings—Episcopal fund, \$6.06; Convention, \$2.10; Domestic missions, \$13.61.

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St. John's Church, Milwaukee—Rev. D. Keene, B. D. D.

Infant baptisms, 10; Confirmations, 1; Burials, 13; Communicants (removed 1), 28; Offerings (applied to Rector's salary), \$181.08; S. S. Teachers, 5; S. S. Scholars, 1; S. S. Volumes, \$283.

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St. Paul's Church, Watertown—Rev. M. Hoyt, Rector

Families, 26; Individuals, 150; Communicants, 25; Baptisms, (Infants 7, Adults 1,) 8; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 1; Burials, 13; S. S. Scholars, 30; S. S. Teachers, 6; S. S. Volumes, 130.

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St. James', Manitowoc—vacant.

Baptisms, infants 7, adults 1, 8; Confirmed, 4; Com-

cants, added 6, removed 5, 14; S. S. Scholars, 45; S. S. Teachers, 9; S. S. Volumes, 190.

RICHARD STATT, Warden.

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Christ's Church, Green Lake—Rev. G. R. Bartlett, B. D. Rector.

Families, 9; Communicants, 12.

Our church was consecrated on June 23d, by the Right Rev. Bishop in charge of the Diocese.

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Church of the Holy Communion, Bloomfield—vacant.

Baptisms, infants 1, 1; Confirmations, 1; Communicants, removed 1, 19; S. S. Scholars, 22; S. S. Teachers, 4.

On Ascension Day the corner stone of our church was laid by Rev. A. D. Cole.

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St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac—Rev. J. Sweet, Rector.

Families, 7; Communicants, removed 7, added 12, 25; Baptisms, adults 1, infants 8, 9; Burials, 8; Marriages, 3; S. S. Teachers, 1; S. S. Scholars, 7; S. S. Volumes, 100; offerings for parochial purposes, \$31.00.

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Grace Church, Dartford, Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D. Rector.

Families, 15; Communicants, 26; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 5, 8; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1; offerings for Parochial purposes, \$40.22.

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Trinity Church, Marquette—Rev. G. R. Bartlett, B. D. Rector.

Families, 8; Communicants, 8; Marriages, 2.

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St. James' Church, Milwaukee—Rev. S. W. Manney, Rector.

Baptisms, infants 2, 2; Communicants, 24; Marriages, 2; Burials, 2; S. S. Scholars, 15; Teachers, 3; Offerings, Episcopal fund, \$3.07.

Rev. W. Adams, D. D. S. T. P.

During the last year, I have acted as Professor of Systematic Divinity at Nashotah. During that time I have officiated stately at Nashotah, in the services of the Church; I have also performed various duties for my brethren of the Clergy, which will be found recorded by them.

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**Missionary labor at Hartford, Washington Co.**

Since my last report, I have visited Hartford once every month, and performed service and preached twice each time. I have also administered the Holy Communion once to some Norwegian families, north of Hartford, and baptized 3 infants.  
March 31st, 1850. M. F. SORENSON.

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**Horicon and Mayville, Missionary station—Rev. M. Hoyt, Missionary.**

HORICON.—Families, 4; Communicants, 5; Average Congregation, 60.

MAYVILLE.—Families, 5; Baptisms, infants 1, adults 2, 3; Confirmed, 2; Communicants, 5.

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**Ripon Missionary Station—Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D., Missionary.**

Since Nov. 3d, I have held at Ripon one service every alternate Sunday. Administered the communion once, and one has been confirmed.

March 10, 1851.

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**Grant Co., Wisconsin, June 9, 1851—Rev. E. Williams, Missionary.**

Marriages, 1; Baptisms, adult, 2.

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**Nashotah Mission—Rev. A. D. Cole, D. D., President.**

Families connected with the mission, 5; Individuals, 31; Communicants (added 1), 24; Baptised—infants, 4; Confirmed, 1; Offerings for Episcopal fund, \$5,00; Offerings for other purposes; \$35,00.

This report begins with September 1, 1850, when the President entered upon his duties. Of the communicants 14 are

ing for the Holy Ministry. Of these, 10 are candidates for Holy Orders. The other 4 are expecting to become such.

St. Paul's, Minnesota Territory, June 2, 1851.

Messrs. Breck, Wilcoxsen and Merrick, Missionaries.  
Report of this Mission, for Wisconsin.

The Diocese, the mission embraces, at present, 5 stations: Prairie de la Crosse, in Crawford county; Point Elizabeth, on the Wisconsin River, Oceola, and St. Croix, in St. Croix county. The stations are situated on the rivers St. Croix and Mississippi on a point extending nearly 250 miles.

Baptisms (adult 4—infants 17), 21; Confirmed, 3; Burial, 2. of services 94 each.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

HENRY J. ULLMAN in account with the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin:

1850, July 22, to Grace Church, Sheboygan, \$4,75.  
Jan. 3, to Christ Church, Green Bay, \$6,25. Feb. 19, to Christ Church, Oneida Indians, \$5,00. April 28, St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, \$17,00. May 14, Christ Church, Green Bay, \$6,00. May 25, N. Pendleton's subscription and interest, \$1,70. May 25, Taylor's subscription and interest, \$1,70. May 25, Philo White's subscription and interest, \$1,70. June 9, Nashotah, \$5,00. June 9, St. Alban's Parish, \$5,10. June 9, Christ Church, Janesville, \$4,00. June 9, Grace Church, Sheboygan, \$6,00. June 9, St. Sylvanus, Nashotah, \$80,60. June 9, St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, \$57,38. June 9, St. Peter's Church, Milwaukee, \$3,07.—Total, \$205,25.

1850, Feb. 6, by Postage on letters to and from Rev. Mr. Doerly, 0,10. Feb. 6, by postage on letters to Mr. Doe, 0,05. Feb. 7, by postage on letters to Messrs. Emmons & Van Dyke, 0,05. Feb. 24, by postage on letters from Messrs. Emmons & Van Dyke, 0,05. May 22, Cash for two small Blank books, 0,75. June 9, Bal. in hands of Treasurer, \$204,25.  
**205,25.**

H. J. ULLMAN, Treasurer,  
pr. PHILO WHITE.



# CONVENTION OF 1851.—ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| PARISHES.                                  | RECTORS.                  | Families. | Individuals. | Communicants. | BAPTISTS. |          |        | METHODISTS. |          |           | SCHOOLS.  |          |     | Episcopal Fund. | Convention Fund. | Diocesan Miss'n. | General Miss'n. | Parish Poor. | Parish purposes. |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
|                                            |                           |           |              |               | Adults.   | Infants. | Total. | Confirmed.  | Burials. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Library. |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
|                                            |                           |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Christ Church, Green Bay.                  | Wm. Hemman.               | 42        | 176          | 53            | 1         | 5        | 6      | 1           | 6        | 6         | 1         | 35       | 200 | 135             | \$12 25          | \$11 00          | \$5 00          | 2 25         | \$67 97          |
| St. Paul's Milwaukee.                      | (Vacant.)                 |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Hobart Church, Duck Creek.                 | Franklin R. Huff, B. D.   |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha.             | E. A. Greenleaf.          | 64        | 180          | 70            | 1         | 20       | 21     | 6           | 8        | 17        | 6         | 30       |     | 100             |                  |                  |                 |              | 97 28            |
| St. Paul's Church, Beloit.                 | Stephen C. Millett.       | 25        | 38           | 1             | 1         | 1        | 1      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| St. John's Ch. in the Wilderness, Elkhorn. | (Vacant.)                 |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.             | John A. Bowman.           | 7         | 28           | 17            | 1         | 6        | 7      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         | 30       |     | 100             |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| St. Alban's Church, Racine.                | W. C. Armstrong, B. D.    | 28        | 43           | 12            | 12        | 1        | 12     | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         | 20       | 100 | 51              | 5 10             | 8 00             | 10 16           |              | 23 00            |
| St. Luke's Church, Racine.                 | (Vacant.)                 | 114       | 406          | 112           | 4         | 8        | 12     | 1           | 4        | 6         | 6         | 40       | 100 | 50              | 6 10             | 2 25             |                 |              | 51 85            |
| St. Matthias Church, Waukegan.             | James Abercrombie.        |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              | 32 00            |
| Scandinavian Church, Pine Lake.            | Martin F. Sorenson, B. D. | 88        | 20           | 212           | 40        | 40       | 12     | 6           | 14       | 14        | 1         | 100      |     |                 | 4 00             | 7 00             | 4 00            | 8 00         | 5 00             |
| St. Olaf's Church, Ashippou.               | Thomas J. Ruger.          | 50        | 300          | 77            | 1         | 12       | 16     | 2           | 1        | 6         | 13        | 80       | 200 | 3               | 3 25             |                  |                 |              | 2 50             |
| Trinity Church, Janesville.                | Stephen McHugh.           | 27        | 124          | 30            | 2         | 2        | 2      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         | 20       | 100 |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Christ Church, Delavan.                    | Eleazer Williams.         |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Grant County Mission.                      | W. H. Woodward.           | 26        | 100          | 22            | 4         | 4        | 4      | 3           | 1        | 1         | 1         | 4        | 20  | 30              |                  |                  |                 |              | 407 88           |
| Grace Church, Madison.                     | William Markos.           |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 | 80 60            | 10 00            | 3 00            |              | 93 83            |
| St. Sylvanus Church, Nashotah Lakes.       | Asel D. Cole, D. D.       | 20        | 86           | 15            | 1         | 1        | 2      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         | 14       |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              | 100 00           |
| Zion Church, Oconomowoc.                   | (Vacant.)                 |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              | 13 61            |
| Trinity Church, Milwaukee.                 | L. Wilson Davis.          | 17        | 75           | 10            | 10        | 10       | 10     | 5           | 4        | 1         | 1         | 17       | 128 |                 | 6 00             | 2 10             | 4 40            |              | 31 00            |
| Grace Church, Sheboygan.                   | Melancthon Hoyt.          | 26        | 150          | 25            | 1         | 7        | 8      | 3           | 8        | 13        | 6         | 30       | 130 |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| St. Paul's Church, Watertown.              | Geo. P. Schetty, B. D.    |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| St. James' Church, Manitowish.             | Geo. R. Bartlett, B. D.   | 9         | 12           | 12            | 1         | 8        | 9      | 3           | 3        | 6         | 1         | 7        | 100 |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Christ Church, Green Lake.                 | L. Sweet.                 | 7         | 300          | 25            | 1         | 8        | 9      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         | 1        |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac.            | (Vacant.)                 |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Church of the Holy Communion, Bloomfield.  | Solon W. Manney.          | 24        | 19           | 19            | 1         | 1        | 1      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         | 1        |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| St. James' Church, Milwaukee.              | J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D.  | 15        | 70           | 20            | 8         | 2        | 2      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         | 1        |     |                 | 3 07             |                  |                 |              | 40 22            |
| Grace Church, Hartford.                    | Geo. R. Bartlett, B. D.   |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Trinity Church, Marquette.                 | A. D. Cole, D. D., Pres.  | 5         | 31           | 24            | 4         | 4        | 4      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              | 35 00            |
| Nashotah Mission.                          | J. Lloyd Brock.           | 9         | 120          | 16            | 2         | 1        | 1      | 1           | 1        | 1         | 1         |          |     |                 | 5 00             |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Minnesota Mission.                         | M. Hoyt.                  |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              |                  |
| Horton and Mayville, Diocesan Missionary.  |                           |           |              |               |           |          |        |             |          |           |           |          |     |                 |                  |                  |                 |              | 908 40           |

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MILWAUKEE, June 9, 1852.

The Convention assembled at St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning prayer was read by Rev. Messrs. Nichols and Millet.

The Ante-Communion service was read by the Right Rev. George Upfold, D. D. Bishop of Indiana; the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Phelps, and the Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Indiana and Rev. Messrs. Nichols and Millet.

The Convention having been called to order, the Secretary called the names of the clergy, when the following answered to their names:

Rev. James Abercrombie, Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D., Rev. Benjamin Akerly, Rev. William C. Armstrong, B. D., Rev. George R. Bartlett, B. D., Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D., Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D., Rev. L. R. Humphrey, Rev. David Keene, B. D., Rev. Wm. S. Ludlum, Rev. Stephen C. Millet, Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, Rev. Josiah Phelps, Rev. Joshua Sweet.

The parishes having been called, the various certificates were referred to Rev. Mr. Millet and Mr. Peyton

R. Morgan, to report the names of such as are entitled to seats.

The Rev. A. D. Cole, D. D. was appointed Secretary of the Convention.

The Bishop introduced to the Convention the Rt Rev. Geo. Upfold, D. D., Bishop of Indiana, and the Rt Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, who took seats in the chancel.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address :—

I meet you, dear brethren, at this Convention, with mingled emotions. There have been many causes of discouragement during the past year. No less than seven clergymen have been transferred to other dioceses, while the majority of those who remained, were harassed by poverty. The prospect, I trust, is brightening. Upon the clergy I shall always urge with the utmost earnestness, the vast importance of economy and self-denial; and I hope the laity will bear with me while I state the absolute necessity, on their part, of greatly increased zeal, energy and liberality. "Let him that is taught in the word, communicate to him that teacheth in all good things." "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Every vacant parish and missionary station could have been supplied by able and devoted men, had there been the slightest prospect, to use again the language of St. Paul, "that they that preach the Gospel should live of the gospel," and this principle the holy apostle assures us, is "ordained" by the great Head of the Church, our adorable Lord and Saviour.

At the Scandinavian parish of St. Olof, I have confirmed 11 persons; at Waukesha 4; at Lisbon 4; at Willow River 2; at St. Croix 1; at Prairie la Crosse 1; at Watertown 8; at Mayville 1; at Manitowoc 3; at Beloit 6; at Decatur 4; at White water 4; at Elkhorn 1; at Fond du Lac 8; at Dartford 3; at Strong's Landing 3; at Nashotah 1; at Racine 7; and at Delafield 4; making in all 78 individuals who have received the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands. Besides the places named, I have visited Prescott, Osceola, Prairie du Chien, Heathcoxville, Wingville, Madison, Janesville, Horicon, Fort Winnebago, Mineral Point, Two Rivers, Sheboygan, Port Washington, Kenosha, the parishes in this city, Delavan, Bloom

iria, Geneva, Oconomowoc, Rosendale, Oshkosh, Fox Lake, on, Potosi and Lancaster.

Of the candidates mentioned in my last address, John Ed-  
 ward Battin, George P. Schetky, Albert Bingham and John  
 Barton, were admitted by me to Deacons' orders in Nasho-  
 Chapel, 15th June, 1851, being Trinity Sunday; and on  
 Sunday, in the same place, and on the same holy festival  
 of the Church, being a stated time for ordination, the candi-  
 dates, E. Steele Peake and Hugh Miller Thompson, were like-  
 wise admitted to Deacons' orders. All these gentlemen pursued  
 a regular course of theological studies, at the yet new and  
 valuable, but invaluable institution, in Waukesha county, which  
 thus far sent forth nineteen ministers of the New Testa-  
 ment, rightly and ably instructed in the great doctrines of the  
 lasting Gospel. Among other visitors who have encourag-  
 ed professors in their arduous labors, they have lately  
 been favored with the presence of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Upfold of  
 Iowa, and the Rev. Dr. Shelton, of Buffalo. This school of  
 Prophets richly deserves the patronage of every member  
 in communion, and is apparently destined by the great  
 will of the Church, to be the source to which we must look  
 for heralds of the cross for the whole north-western portion of  
 the extensive country. Would to God, my brethren! that you,  
 our fellow worshippers throughout the Atlantic States,  
 could realize the importance, and indeed, absolute necessity of  
 such a school.

No other ordinations have been held. Mr. Henry N.  
 Strong was ordained a deacon by me at Nashotah Chapel the  
 1st of March, and has been since transferred to the Diocese of  
 Wisconsin. As he came under the seventh canon of the gen-  
 eral convention, which is entitled "concerning candidates for  
 orders in this Church, who have been ministers, licentiates, or  
 students of theology, among other religious denominations,"  
 his probation lasted but six months, and that time was zealously  
 improved by him under the most favorable circumstances.  
 His other ordination was that of the Rev. L. R. Humphrey, to  
 Deacons' orders, to which higher grade he was admitted by me  
 at Luke's Church, Whitewater. Mr. Humphrey had with  
 much zeal, and much exposure, fulfilled the duties of an itiner-  
 ant during the winter, chiefly confining himself to Decatur and  
 Whitewater, and is now settled under favorable circumstances  
 at the latter place, where a very neat and commodious church  
 has been erected.

There have been added to the list of candidates the following  
 names, Leverett Denison Brainard, Henry N. Strong, Charles

# CONVENTION OF 1851.—ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| PARISHES.                                  | RECTORS.                  | Families. | Individuals. | Communicants. | BAPTISMS. |          |          | Confirmed. | Marriages. | Burials. | S. SCHOOLS. |           |          | Episcopal Fund. | Convention Fnd. | Diocesan Miss'n. | General Miss'n. | Parish Poor. | Parish purposes. |         |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------|
|                                            |                           |           |              |               | Adults.   | Infants. |          |            |            |          | Teachers.   | Scholars. | Library. |                 |                 |                  |                 |              |                  |         |
|                                            |                           |           |              |               |           | Total.   | Infants. |            |            |          |             |           |          |                 |                 |                  |                 |              |                  |         |
| Christ Church, Green Bay.                  | Wm. Homan.                | 42        | 176          | 53            | 1         | 5        | 6        | 1          | 6          | 8        | 7           | 35        | 200      | 135             | \$12 25         | \$11 00          | \$18 00         | \$5 00       | 2 25             | \$57 97 |
| St. Paul's, Milwaukee.                     | (Vacant.)                 | -         | -            | -             | -         | -        | -        | -          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| Hobart Church, Duck Creek.                 | Franklin R. Huff, B. D.   | -         | -            | 155           | 1         | 20       | 21       | 6          | 8          | 17       | 8           | 6         | 30       | 100             | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | 97 28   |
| St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha.             | E. A. Greenleaf.          | 64        | 180          | 70            | 2         | 10       | 12       | 6          | 6          | 0        | 0           | 0         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| St. Paul's Church, Beloit.                 | Stephen C. Millett.       | 55        | 38           | 1             | 1         | 12       | 1        | 4          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| St. John's Ch. in the Wilderness, Elkhorn. | (Vacant.)                 | 7         | 28           | 17            | 1         | 6        | -        | -          | -          | -        | 4           | 30        | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.             | John A. Bowman.           | 7         | 70           | 8             | -         | -        | -        | -          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| St. Alban's Church, Lebanon.               | W. C. Armstrong, B. D.    | 28        | 43           | 12            | 12        | 12       | 1        | 4          | 2          | 20       | 160         | 63        | -        | 5 10            | 8 00            | 10 10            | -               | -            | -                | 23 00   |
| St. Luke's Church, Racine.                 | (Vacant.)                 | 114       | 466          | 312           | 4         | 8        | 12       | 1          | 4          | 5        | 6           | 40        | 100      | 5 10            | 2 25            | -                | -               | -            | -                | 51 36   |
| St. Matthias Church, Waukegan.             | James Abercrombie.        | 88        | 20           | 212           | 40        | 40       | 12       | 0          | 14         | 1        | -           | -         | 100      | 26              | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | 32 00   |
| St. Olaf's Church, Ashippou.               | Martin F. Sorenson, B. D. | -         | -            | -             | -         | -        | -        | -          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| Trinity Church, Janesville.                | Thomas J. Ruger.          | 50        | 300          | 77            | 1         | 12       | 16       | 2          | 1          | 6        | 13          | 80        | 200      | -               | 4 00            | 7 00             | 4 00            | 8 00         | 3 00             | 3 25    |
| Christ Church, Delavan.                    | Stephen McHugh.           | 27        | 124          | 50            | 9         | 9        | 2        | 1          | 3          | 7        | 5           | 20        | 100      | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | 2 50    |
| Grant County Mission.                      | Benzer Williams.          | -         | -            | -             | -         | -        | -        | -          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| Grace Church, Madison.                     | W. H. Woodward.           | 35        | 100          | 22            | 4         | 4        | 3        | 1          | -          | 1        | 4           | 20        | 50       | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | 407 88  |
| St. Sylvanus Church, Nashotah Lakes.       | William Markoe.           | 114       | 51           | 1             | 16        | 17       | 12       | 1          | -          | 5        | 1           | 14        | -        | -               | 80 00           | 10 00            | 8 00            | -            | -                | 63 83   |
| Zion Church, Oconomowoc.                   | Axel D. Cole, D. D.       | 20        | 86           | 15            | 1         | 1        | 2        | 1          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| Trinity Church, Milwaukee.                 | (Vacant.)                 | -         | -            | -             | -         | -        | -        | -          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| Grace Church, Sheboygan.                   | L. Wilson Davis.          | 17        | 75           | 19            | 10        | 10       | 3        | 4          | 1          | 17       | 125         | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | 100 00  |
| St. Paul's Church, Watertown.              | Melancthon Hoyt.          | 26        | 150          | 25            | 1         | 7        | 8        | 3          | 8          | 13       | 6           | 00        | 130      | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | 15 61   |
| St. James' Church, Manitowoc.              | Geo. P. Schetty, B. D.    | 9         | 34           | 14            | 1         | 7        | 8        | 4          | -          | -        | -           | 46        | 190      | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| Christ Church, Green Lake.                 | Geo. R. Bartlett, B. D.   | 7         | 300          | 12            | 1         | 8        | 0        | 3          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | 2 10            | -                | -               | -            | -                | 31 00   |
| St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac.            | L. Sweet.                 | 9         | 300          | 25            | 1         | 8        | 0        | 3          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| Church of the Holy Communion, Bloomfield.  | (Vacant.)                 | -         | -            | -             | -         | -        | -        | -          | -          | -        | -           | -         | -        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | -       |
| St. James' Church, Milwaukee.              | Solon W. Matney.          | 34        | 19           | 10            | 1         | 1        | 1        | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1           | 1         | 1        | -               | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | 31 00   |
| Grace Church, Dardford.                    | J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D.  | 15        | 70           | 26            | 8         | 6        | 8        | 1          | 1          | 1        | 1           | 15        | -        | 3 07            | -               | -                | -               | -            | -                | 40 20   |

other places. It is true, I have now three deacons just ready to enter the field, but Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, as well as Wisconsin, ask for them, and even Nashotah is laying claims to the services of one of them as a tutor. Their stations will be decided upon within a few days; and even then, men as well as money will be greatly needed.

I have laid the corner-stone of a Church at Waukesha, and of another at Oconomowoc. I have consecrated a burying ground for the Scandinavian parish of St. Olof. My baptisms amount to twenty, of whom sixteen were infants, and four adults, all of which will be reported to you from some of the parishes, excepting eight infants.

I solicit the particular attention of the convention to the condition of our various funds, and I trust you will not adjourn until every account has been thoroughly examined, and every claim upon us promptly and honorably met. The omission or inability, to publish our last Journal, will expose us, during our present deliberations, to embarrassments, and is unquestionably a mortifying circumstance.

There are rumors, which you have all doubtless heard, of the early departure from our present field of action, of some who have labored most faithfully in the vineyard of our Lord. These circumstances are painful and discouraging. But let us not despair. On the contrary, let us fervently pray for an increase of faith and hope, of zeal and liberality, and especially of a deeply realizing sense of the sacred duty and high privilege of being co-workers with God in building up that glorious temple to which all mankind will yet repair. We shall look forward to the return of some whom providential events may now take from us, and we shall part from every brother in full confidence, that, as through the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, we have thus far been able to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, we shall always enjoy an interest in the affections and prayers of those who once participated of our anxiety, toils and joy.

You will all join me, I am sure, in expressing our lively gratitude to many a true hearted churchman of the older and more favored dioceses, who, in various ways, and not a few without solicitation, have aided us in our efforts to give permanency and prosperity to our beloved church in this diocese. Such assistance has added to the number of our missionaries, increased the comfort of several of their families, multiplied our churches, supplied us with Bibles, Testaments, Prayer-books, Tracts, and to some extent, with parish and Sunday school libraries; and has enabled me to lay the foundation of a diocesan



sent deliberations; that brotherly love may prevail; and that realizing the various and most interesting duties incumbent upon you, as lovers of the church which our adorable Savior purchased by his atoning sacrifice on the cross, you may be ready and most willing, as men, as christian men, to exert yourselves with Western energy for the enlargement and permanency of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin.

JACKSON KEMPER,  
Bishop in Charge of the Diocese of Wisconsin.

The committee on lay delegates reported that lay delegates are elected as follows :

*St. John's Church Milwaukee*.—Lindsey Ward, W. W. Yale, W. W. Cross and L. W. Weeks.

*Trinity Church, Mineral Point*.—Samuel Crawford.

*St. Luke's Church, Racine*.—Philo White, Marshall M. Strong, Isaac Taylor and Peyton R. Morgan.

*St. Paul's Church, Beloit*.—N. B. Gaston, B. J. P. Pool and L. Martin.

*St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee*.—Rufus King, B. Mc Vickar, A. W. Hatch and J. C. Dowe.

*St. James' Church, Milwaukee*.—F. Randall, J. B. Selby, Jr., and William Whitehead.

*St. Luke's Church, Whitewater*.—George G. Williams and E. Wood Cornea.

*St. Sylvanus' Church, Summit*.—David Warner.

*St. Albans' Church, Lisbon*.—Edward Champney and William Weaver.

Resolved, That all clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, present from other Dioceses, and all candidates for orders, be invited to take seats in this convention.

A communication from Rufus King & Co., was read and referred to the committee on finance ; as also the Treasurer's report. (See appendix.)

The Trustees of the funds and property of the Protestant Episcopal Church made a report, which was referred to the committee on finance.

The Bishop appointed the following standing committee.

Committee on Finance—Philo White, Lindsey Ward Marshall M. Strong.

Committee on Canons—Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D. James Abercrombie, Sam'l Crawford.

Committee on Parishes—Rev. J. R. Nichols, S. Millet, J. C. Dowe.

Committee on Missions—Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, B. Rev. Joshua Sweet, Benjamin McVickar.

A canon was proposed, which, with the following resolution, was referred to the committee on canons.

Resolved, That all persons having in their hands for safe keeping, or acting as Treasurer, for any money belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Wisconsin, shall hereafter give bonds in such amount from time to time as may be ordered by the Convention of the Diocese when in session, and by the standing committee of the said Diocese during the recess of the Convention.

Convention adjourned to 3 P. M.

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June 9th, 3 P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, present in the morning. Minutes of the morning, read, corrected and approved.

Rev. Mr. Akerly presented the application of the Church of St. John Chrysostom, Delafield, for admission to Union this Convention. Referred to the Committee on the admission of new parishes.

The Board of Diocesan Missions made their annual report. Referred to the committee on Finance.

E. W. Edgerton, delegate from St. Sylvanus' Church, Summit, and C. R. Dakin, delegate from St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha, appeared and took their seats.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese made their annual report as follows :

## REPORT

### *Of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Wisconsin for 1851-52*

The fifth Standing Committee of the Diocese of Wisconsin, respectfully report, that it was organized in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, on the 23d day of June, 1851, by the election of the Rev. B. Akerly as President, and the Rev. D. Keene as Secretary.

An adjourned meeting was held on July 7th, 1851. The committee acted as the Board of Missions of the Diocese.

A regular monthly meeting was held on July 31st, 1851. At this meeting, consent was given for the consecration of the Rev. John Williams, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.

A regular monthly meeting was held on August 28th, 1851. At this meeting, testimonials were given recommending the Rev. John A. Merrick, for the holy order of Priests.

A regular monthly meeting was held on Sept. 25th, 1851. At this meeting certificates were given recommending Samuel Josiah Hayward, Charles Carroll Edmunds, Peter Brown Morrison, Leverett Denison Brainard and Henry N. Strong, to be admitted as candidates for Holy Orders.

A Special meeting was held on Oct. 15th, 1851. At this meeting consent was given for the consecration of the Rev. John J. Whitehouse, D. D., as assistant Bishop of Illinois.

A special meeting was held on Oct. 21st, 1851. At this meeting consent was given for the consecration of the Rev. William Creighton, D. D., as provisional Bishop of New York.

A special meeting was held on Dec. 13th, 1851. At this meeting the Rev. James Abercrombie was appointed by the Bishop, to fill the vacancy in the commission caused by the removal of Rev. S. W. Manney, to East Ripley, Minnesota.

A special meeting was held Jan. 9th, 1852. At this meeting

testimonials were given recommending the Rev. George P. Schetky, for the Holy Order of Priests.

A special meeting was held March 25th, 1852. At this meeting, testimonials were given recommending Henry N. Strong for the holy order of Deacons.

A special meeting was held June 1st, 1852. At this meeting testimonials were given, recommending Hugh M. Thompson, and E. S. Peak, for the holy order of Deacons.

A special meeting was held on June 7th, 1852. The committee acted as a council of advice to the Bishop.

A special meeting was held on June 8th, 1851. At this meeting the annual reports of the Secretary of the committee and of the Board of Missions of the Diocese, and also the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese, were called for and read to the Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID KEENE, Secretary.

BENJAMIN AKERLY, President.

MILWAUKEE, June 9th, 1852.

The committee on canons made a report which was laid on the table for the present.

The committee on canons, appointed by the last Convention, reported as follows:

The committee on canons, respectfully request to be discharged, and that the several important subjects preferred to their consideration, at the last Convention, be referred to the new committee.

*Resolved*, That the subjects referred to their consideration be referred to the committee appointed by this convention, and they be discharged.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. B. Akerly and Philo White, be added to the committee on canons.

The committee on the application of new parishes, recommended St. John's Chrysostom.

On motion, said parish was admitted to Union with

this Convention. Wherenpon, G. R. McLane, a delegate from said parish, took his seat.

The committee on finance made the following report: That the various accounts referred to them for auditing, were found correct.

The report of the committee on canons was read from the table, and after discussion, referred back to the committee.

A canon on Episcopal visitations being offered, referred to the committee on canons.

Adjourned to 7 1-2 P. M.

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7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Canon VIII, by recommendation of the committee on canons, was amended, by reading, instead of "judicial" wherever the word now occurs, "interpreters"; instead of "judicial," "solemn;" and instead of "judicially" "solemnly", throughout the canon, and by erasing the third line of section 3d, in said canon, the words "judicial interpreters."

The tellers previously appointed, reported the following elections:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Clerical Members.*—Rev. David Keene, B. D., Adams, D. D., J. H. Nichols, A. D. Cole, D. D.

*Lay Members.*—Messrs. Cyrus Hawley, A. G. M. A. W. Hatch, F. Randall.

## DEPUTIES TO THE CONVENTION.

*Clerical.*—Rev. B. Akerly, A. D. Cole, Wm. Adams, D. D., D. Keene, B. D.

*Laymen.*—Messrs. B. McVickar, P. White, J. B. Doe, A. Brown.

Trustees of the funds and property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin:

M. M. Strong,

Isaac J. Ullman,

L. Ward,

Philo White,

B. McVickar.

Treasurer of the Convention—F. Randall.

Committee on Canons reported the following Canon which was adopted:

A canon concerning the duty of Secretary and Treasurer of the Annual Convention:

Sec. 1. The Treasurer appointed in accordance with section 2, of article VI of the Constitution, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give security as prescribed by said section 2, in such sums as the Convention shall prescribe, for the faithful performance of his duties, and the due accounting for all moneys which may come to his hands as such Treasurer; and when at any time, during the recess of the Convention, it shall be deemed necessary by the standing committee of the Diocese to increase the amount of such security, the said committee shall have power to increase the amount as aforesaid; and the Treasurer shall, within ten days after notice of such determination by said committee, give such security. The Treasurer shall also procure and keep a properly bound book, in which shall be entered accounts and statements in detail of all moneys received and disbursed by him. He shall keep accounts with the several parishes, in which he shall charge them with the amounts assessed against them respectively, and shall credit them with the amount, by them paid respectively.

The Secretary's journals and records, and the Treasurer's book, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the standing Committee of the Diocese, and of the Convention, and any Committee thereof.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall, within thirty days after the

annual Convention shall have adjourned sine die, furnish the Treasurer a certified statement of all accounts allowed by the Convention, and the Treasurer shall pay the same ( ~~any claims and accounts~~ **any claims and accounts** duly allowed and certified by Standing Committee during the recess of the Convention, ) none other, out of any moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

Committee on Canons reported the following Canon which was on motion, laid upon the table :

Of the dissolution of all Pastoral Connection between Ministers and their congregations.

Sec. 1. When a Vestry or Congregation shall desire dissolution of the pastoral relation between themselves and their Minister, the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese shall not grant "concurrence," unless the Minister has been officially notified, in writing, by the Vestry or Congregation, of his desire on their part; and that an application is about to be made by them to the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese for its "concurrence."

Sec. 2. The official notice to the Minister by the Vestry or Congregation shall express the reason or reasons moving them to desire the dissolution of the pastoral relation between them.

Sec. 3. Should the Minister desire to make answer to an application for the concurrence of the Ecclesiastical Authority in his dismissal, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall, in such case, appoint a day in which the Minister may be heard, and shall give due notice of the time and place of said meeting both to the Minister, and also his congregation, during Divine Service on some Lord's day. And if the Minister, in answer, can produce written evidences that a majority of the communicants of the Parish or Church under his care desire the pastoral connection between them and him, to continue undissolved, the Ecclesiastical Authority, in such case, shall not grant a "concurrence," Provided always, that all arrears of salary due by the said Parish to the Clergyman, be discharged before the dissolution shall take effect.

*Resolved,* That the Treasurer of the convention be authorised to pay Bishop Kemper at once, from the funds not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty seven dollars, expended by him in paying the quota of this Diocese to contingent expenses of the General Convention.

Committee on Canons reported back the following Resolution as a recommendation, which, upon motion, was indefinitely postponed :

It is hereby recommended that, Whenever the Bishop of the Diocese makes an official visitation of any parish in this Diocese, it shall be the duty of the Wardens and Vestry of the parish visited, to meet the Bishop in their official capacity, and to make him a full and satisfactory statement of the temporal condition of the Parish ; of the amount of money received and disbursed ; of the amount of indebtedness accrued or discharged since his last visitation of the parish, and of such temporal matters generally as he may deem of interest.

The Parochial reports were then read. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on the establishment and location of a college under the patronage of this Convention appointed last year, reported. Their report was accepted and the resolutions thereto appended passed.

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.

*Resolved*, That Rev. B. Akerly, J. B. Selby and O. Belden, be a committee to publish the Journal of this Convention and that of the last Annual Convention.

After prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

AZEL D. COLE, Sec'y.

GEO. R. BARTLETT, Ass't Sec'y.



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## APPENDIX.

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**Christ Church, Green Bay—Rev. Wm. Hommann, Rector**  
June 1st, 1852.

Families connected with the Parish, 40 ; Individuals connected with the Parish, 170 ; Communicants : died 2—removed 5—present number, 47 ; Baptisms : Infants, 12 ; Marriages, 2 ; Burials : Infants 1, Adults 3, Total, 4 ; Sunday School Teachers, 6 ; Sunday School Scholars, 30 ; Sunday School Library—number of volumes, 200 ; Volumes in the Parish Library, 167 ; Volumes in the Pastor's Library, 25 ; Offerings of the Parish, \$145.26 ; Appropriated to the Episcopal Fund, \$9.50 ; Appropriated to the Diocesan Missions, \$29.00 ; Appropriated to the Convention Fund, \$10.00 ; Appropriated to Parochial purposes, \$70.27½ ; Appropriated to the Foreign missions, \$12 50.

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**Hobart Church, Duck Creek—Rev. F. R. Huff, B. D., Rector**

The statistics for this mission since the last annual report, are as follows :

Infants Baptisms, 18 ; Marriages, 5 ; Burials, 13 ; Communicants, 156.

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**St. Matthews' Church, Kenosha—Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, Rector.**

Families connected with the Parish, 75 ; Infant Baptisms, 9 ; Communicants, 70 ; Marriages, 4 ; Burials, 7 ; Offerings for the Convention Fund, \$10 ; Sunday School Scholars, 40 ; Sunday School Teachers, 7.

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**Zion Church, Oconomowoc—Azal D. Cole, D. D., Rector.**  
Families, 10 ; Individuals, 60 ; Communicants about 15 ;

**St. Jame's, Manitowoc.—G. P. Schetky, Minister, May 21, 1852.**  
 Families, 22; Baptisms, 8; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 2; Offerings for Diocesan Missions, \$2.00.

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**St. Paul's, Watertown.—M. Hoyt, Rector.**  
 Families, 23; Burials, 2; Marriages, 6; Baptisms, 9; Confirmations, 8; Communicants, 40.

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**St. Paul's, Fond du Lac.—J. Sweet, Rector.**  
 Baptisms: infants 5, adults 4, 9; Communicants, 40; Confirmations, 8; Marriages, 5; Burials, 3.

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**St. Matthias' Parish, Waukesha.—J. Abercrombie, Rector.**  
 Baptisms, 4; Confirmed, 4; Communicants, 26; Marriages, 5; Burials, 3.

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**St. Alban's, Lisbon.—W. C. Armstrong, Rector.**  
 Baptisms: infants, 8; Confirmed, 4; Marriages, 5; Burials, 8; Communicants, 50.

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**Trinity Church, Marquette.—G. R. Bartlett, Rector.**  
 Communicants, 9; Baptisms, 2; Marriages, 2; Burials, 2; Offerings for Episcopal Fund, \$1.00; Diocesan Missions, \$1.21; Convention, \$2.00; Foreign Missions, \$1.24; Domestic, \$1.00; Parish, \$3.73.

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*To the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Wisconsin:*

The Board of Trustees of the "Episcopal Fund" of the Diocese, beg leave to report as follows:

That at the last year's annual Convention, Messrs. Philo White, Isaac J. Ullman, Benjamin McVickar, Marshall M. Strong and H. W. Bennett, were elected to compose this Board, for the ensuing year; and at the first meeting of the Trustees, on the 31st of July, Philo White was re-elected President of the Board, Henry J. Ullman, Treasurer, and Isaac J. Ullman, Secretary.

statement of the Treasurer, submitted to the Board; it appeared there was an available balance in \$204.50 cents; and an order was passed for balance, in accordance with a resolution of the convention of 1850.

By, during that month, \$200 of that sum was bond of a citizen of Racine, payable two years at 12 per cent. per annum, the bond being amply mortgaged on an improved farm adjoining the

ing to last year's Report from this Board, it will be available fund above alluded to, was made up of contributions and parish offerings, that had been previously, 1850; and that the sum of \$621.01, balance of the former Treasurer of the Board, was discovered to be unaccountable and intangible, by the reason of the business transactions of that gentleman, and did not, consequently, enter the Treasurer's account current for 1851.

The Trustees have now the satisfaction of stating that, with the aid of counsel, they have succeeded in effecting such an arrangement with the late Treasurer as is confidently believed, eventually enable them to render available the entire balance in his hands with interest at 12 per cent. His note, of date June 1850, for \$694.53, principal and interest, is secured by a mortgage on acres of unencumbered land in Jefferson county in lots of land in the city of Milwaukee, the last of which, being subject to partial liens—and, in addition, a promissory note, for \$261.98, has been endorsed to the Board as collateral security.

The account current of the Treasurer for the fiscal year ending 1852, the cash balance in hand is stated at \$70.18; and this the \$200 invested by the Board, as hereinbefore, together with the item of \$694.53, due from the Treasurer, and secured by bond and mortgage, &c., as well as with accruing interest to date, an aggregate will be owing to this Fund, of about \$1,060—as follows:

#### STATEMENT

Assets, bonds, mortgages, &c., belonging to the "Episcopal," and now in charge of the Trustees of that Society, 1852:

Cash on hand, \$70.18; Loan secured by bond and principal \$200; Interest on same to date, \$18; Note secured by mortgage and collateral \$694.53; Amount due to date, \$81.34—\$775.87; Showing an aggregate of \$4.05.

From this aggregate, however, the attorney's fees and other expenses necessarily incurred in the adjustment of the account of the Treasurer, and in securing the balance due from him should be deducted : but as no statement of these fees and expenses has yet been rendered, the Board are unapprised of their amount. It may be safely assumed, however, that the aggregate of the Fund, after all sums with which it is rightfully chargeable shall have been deducted, will not fall short of one thousand dollars.

The Trustees of this Fund, the paramount design of which is the maintainance of a Diocesan Head of the Church in Wisconsin, were created a body politic by an act of the Legislature of our State, passed in 1848, and the foregoing aggregate of its funds, &c., is the accumulation of Christmas and Easter offerings, in the various Parishes in the different Diocese, during the five years that have since intervened, with an occasional isolated contribution from some pious churchman. It will have been seen, that the ordinary accretions of the Fund are small, and contingent ; and that, at the present ratio of its accumulation, the fulfilment of the beneficent design of its founders, must be postponed to a remote day, unless quickened by other resources than those now at command of the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees may be pardoned, therefore, for expressing their conviction that the temporal affairs of the Church in Wisconsin, at this particular conjuncture, presents an emergency that claims the aid of all benevolent and munificent Churchmen in the land. With but the mere nucleus of a fund for the separate support of a Diocesan Head—and depending upon the ministrations of the revered prelate who presides as “North Western Missionary Bishop,” for the maintainance within our Diocese of the appropriate forms and essential doctrines of the Church, we reverence and cherish—we would appeal to our brethren abroad who are favored with an abundance of this world's goods, to afford that material aid to our “Episcopal Fund,” which the present exigencies of our infant Church render so essential.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PHILO WHITE,  
ISAAC J. ULLMAN,  
MARSHALL M. STRONG,  
BENJ. McVICKAR.

*to the Board of Trustees of the "Episcopal Fund" of  
the Diocese of Wisconsin:*

The undersigned has the honor to submit to the Board the  
annual statement of the funds and effects that have come in-  
hands, pertaining to the "Episcopal Fund," since his  
report of last year. Respectfully, &c.,

HENRY J. ULLMAN, Treasurer, &c.

Annual Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin, in account with  
HENRY J. ULLMAN, Treasurer.

June 23, 1851, by balance from last report, \$204.50. June  
31, by offering from Doctor Benjamin McVickar, of  
Milwaukee, \$10.00. Aug. 12, 1851, by offering from J. R.  
Baker, of Platteville, Grant Co., \$10.00. Jan. 9, 1852, by  
annual offering from St. Luke's Church, Racine, \$10.75.  
Nov. 7, 1852, by Christmas offering from Christ's Church,  
Green Bay, \$4.00. Jan. 28, 1852, Christmas offering from St.  
Luke's Church, Milwaukee, \$13.25. April 14, 1852, by Easter  
offering from St. Luke's Church, Racine, \$7.76. April 21,  
by Easter offering from Christ's Church, Green Bay, \$5.-  
May 1, 1852, from Easter offering from Congregation at  
Ottawa, \$1.00. June 4, from Easter offering from Grace  
Church, Madison, by Bishop Kemper, \$4.75—\$271.51.  
July 2, 1851, To bogus dollar, received by President of  
Diocese among offerings from parishes, at Convention in Mil-  
waukee, \$1.00. Sept. 18, 1851, to Check on President Board,  
amount loaned on mortgage, \$200.00. 1852, to Postage at  
times, \$0.33. June 7, to Balance of cash, on hand,  
—\$271.51.

3.—The bond of John M. Cary for two hundred dollars  
secured by mortgage, on an unincumbered farm, near  
Racine, is on deposit with the Treasurer.

4.—The assignment of one share of stock in the Milwaukee  
and Green Bay Telegraph Company, presented by Daniel  
C. Cary, Esq., of Green Bay.

*to the Diocesan Missions in account—*—JNO. E. COWLES,  
Treasurer.

June 12, 1851. To balance in Treasury, \$0.26. July 1,  
from St. Peter's Church, in Niagara Falls, \$6.00. July  
1, cash from St. James' Church, in Philadelphia, \$150.00.  
To cash Grace Church, in Cherry Valley, N. Y. \$4.00.  
To cash St. Paul's Church, in Ballston, Spa, N. Y. \$10.-

00. July 1, to cash Trinity Church, in Philadelphia, \$50. July 1, to cash Christ Church, in Reading, Pa., \$26.00. July 1, to cash St. Stephens' Church, in New York City, \$50. July 1, to cash Grace Church, in Jamaica, L. I., \$40.00. July 1, to cash St. Marks Church, in Philadelphia, Jubilee Col. \$100.00. July 1, to cash Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia, Jubilee Col., \$25.00. July 1, to cash All Saints Church, Philadelphia Co., Jubilee Col., \$10.00. July 1, cash, a Lady, Philadelphia, \$5.00. July 1, to cash, a Lady, \$5.00. July 1, to cash Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper's subscription, \$150.00. July 1, to cash St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia Jubilee Col., \$40.00. July 1, to cash Holy Evangelist, New York, \$25.00. July 11, to cash St. Paul's Church, R Hook, N. York, \$22.25. July 11, to cash St. Paul's Church, Erie, Pa., \$5.00. July 1, to cash All Saints Church, Philadelphia, \$35.25. July 11, to cash All Saints Church, Philadelphia, Sunday School, \$16.50. Aug. 14, to cash St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, \$50.00. Sept. 25, to cash Church of the Holy Communion, N. Y., \$100.00. Sept. 25, to cash House of Prayer, Newark, N. J., \$13.00. Sept. 25, to cash Swedenborg Church, Dr. Clay, Philadelphia, \$10.00. Oct. 3, to cash George John H. Harson, Waddington, N. Y., \$6.00. Oct. 6, to cash St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee Jub. Col., \$16.67. Oct. 6, cash St. John's Church, Milwaukee, Jub. Col., \$5.74. Oct. 14, to cash St. James' Church, Milwaukee Jub. Col., \$1.12. Oct. 14, to cash Christ Church, Green Bay, Jub. Col., \$23.00. Oct. 17, to cash St. Paul's Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., \$14.00. Jan. 26, to cash St. Luke's Church, Catskill, \$5.00. Jan. 26, 1852, to cash St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, \$14.00. Jan. 26, to cash Christ Church, Green Lake, Wis., \$1.05. Jan. 26, cash, Christ Church, Marquette, Wis. \$1.21. Jan. 26, to cash St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac, Wis., \$4.00. April 12, cash St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, Wis., \$12.05. June 7, cash, Christ Church, Green Bay, Wis., \$6.00. June 8, to cash St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, Wis. \$14.76—Total receipts the Treasurer to date, \$1,059.96—Amount Salaries paid close of third quarter, \$652.00; Balance in hands of Treasurer, in cash, \$407.96—\$1,059.96. There will be due on July at close of the missionary year on account salaries, \$1,157.50, Leaving balance after all salaries are paid for the year Cash, \$249.21; Unpaid subscription St. Paul's Church, \$92.—\$431.75.

Respectfully,  
JOHN E. COWLES, Treasurer.

*Board Diocesan Missions, in account with JOHN E. COWLES, Treasurer.*

Cr. Oct. 6, 1851, By cash paid Rev. D. Keene per order, \$0.00. Jan. 1, 1852, by cash paid Rev. D. Keene per order, \$0.00. April 1, 1852, by cash paid Rev. D. Keene per order, \$0.00. Oct. 4, 1851, by cash paid Rev. Solon Manney, per order, \$50.00. Nov. 6, 1851, by cash paid Rev. Solon Manney, per order, \$20.00. Oct. 11, 1851, by cash paid Rev. J. Phelps, per order, \$43.75. Oct. 11, 1852, by cash paid Rev. Phelps, per order, \$43.75, and was transferred to Domestic Board. Oct. 22, 1851, by cash paid Rev. J. Sweet, per order, \$25. March 2, 1852, by cash paid Rev. J. Sweet, per order, \$25. April 10, 1852, by cash paid Rev. J. Sweet, per order, \$25. Oct. 15, 1851, by cash paid M. T. Sorenson, per order, \$25. Jan. 9, 1852, by cash paid M. T. Sorenson, per order, \$25. May 20, 1852, by cash paid M. T. Sorenson, per order, \$25. Oct. 11, 1851, by cash paid Geo. P. Schetky, per order, \$1, when he was transferred to Domestic Board. Oct. 11, '51, by cash paid Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, per order, \$15.00, when he was transferred to Domestic Board. June 12, 1851, cash paid Rev. M. Hoyt, per order, \$15.00. Oct. 1, 1851, cash paid Rev. M. Hoyt, per order, \$15.00. Jan. 1, 1852, cash paid Rev. M. Hoyt, per order, \$20.00. April 1, 1852, cash paid Rev. M. Hoyt, per order, \$15.00. Oct. 22, 1851, cash paid Rev. W. Armstrong, per order, \$31.25. Jan. 21, '52, by cash paid Rev. W. C. Armstrong, per order, \$31.25. April 19, 1852, by cash paid Rev. W. C. Armstrong, per order, \$25.—Total amount salaries paid to end 3d quarter, \$652.00.

*Report of the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Diocese:*

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of this Diocese, held in the Vestry room of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, June 4, '51, the committee organized themselves into the Board of Missions of the Diocese, and elected J. E. Cowles Treasurer for the ensuing year.

A meeting of this Board was held in the Vestry room of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, July 7th, '51.

A meeting of this Board was held in the Vestry room of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, Sept. 25th, '51.

A meeting of this Board was held in the Vestry room of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, Dec. 13th, '51.



It was not thought necessary to report the business transacted at the several meetings of the Board, and for the receipts and expenditure of moneys the Secretary would refer to the report of the Treasurer.

DAVID KEENE,

*Assessment of Parishes by the Secretary.*

| NAME OF PARISH.                    | NAME OF PLACE.      | Exp. of Convention 1851. | Fr        |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| St. Oloffe's,.....                 | Ashippun,.....      | 4 00                     |           |
| St. Paul's,.....                   | Beloit,.....        | 3 00                     |           |
| Holy Communion,.....               | Bloomfield,.....    | 1 00                     |           |
| Grace Church,.....                 | Dartford,.....      | 2 00                     |           |
| Christ's Church,.....              | Delavan,.....       | 2 00                     |           |
| Hobart Church,.....                | Duck Creek,.....    | 3 00                     |           |
| St. Paul's,.....                   | Fond du Lac,.....   | 2 00                     |           |
| Christ's Church,.....              | Green Bay,.....     | 4 00                     |           |
| Christ's Church,.....              | Green Lake,.....    | 1 00                     |           |
| St. John's in the Wilderness,..... | Elkhorn,.....       | 1 00                     |           |
| Trinity Church,.....               | Janesville,.....    | 5 00                     |           |
| St. Matthew's,.....                | Kenosha,.....       | 5 00                     |           |
| St. Alban's,.....                  | Lisbon,.....        | 2 00                     |           |
| Grace Church,.....                 | Madison,.....       | 2 00                     |           |
| St. James',.....                   | Manitowoc,.....     | 2 00                     |           |
| Trinity Church,.....               | Marquette,.....     | 1 00                     |           |
| St. Paul's,.....                   | Milwaukee,.....     | 15 00                    |           |
| St. John's,.....                   | Milwaukee,.....     | 2 00                     |           |
| St. James',.....                   | Milwaukee,.....     | 2 00                     |           |
| Trinity Church,.....               | Mineral Point,..... | 3 00                     |           |
| Zion's Church,.....                | Oconomowoc,.....    | 2 00                     |           |
| St. Luke's,.....                   | Racine,.....        | 7 00                     |           |
| Grace Church,.....                 | Sheboygan,.....     | 2 00                     |           |
| St. Sylvanus',.....                | Summit,.....        | 4 00                     |           |
| St. Paul's,.....                   | Watertown,.....     | 2 00                     |           |
| St. Matthias',.....                | Waukesha,.....      | 2 00                     |           |
| St. Luke's,.....                   | Whitewater,.....    | 1 00                     |           |
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SOLON W. MANNEY,  
Sec. of the Diocese

Anno Domini, 1851.

FRANCIS RANDALL, *Treasurer, in account with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Wisconsin.*

January 1st, 1852—To amount received from Rev Manney, late Secretary of Convention, \$36; To amount received from Christ's Church, Green Lake, per E. A. Keene—\$37.50.

F. RANDALL

June 7, 1852.

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The undersigned, Treasurer of the Convention, respectfully reports:—That not having been present when elected Treasurer, and having received no notice of his appointment, he was not aware until long after the sitting of the Convention, that he had been appointed to that office.

The undersigned has very recently received from Rev. Mr. Manney, Secretary of the last Convention, thirty-six dollars, which are the only funds that have come to his hands, except one dollar and fifty cents, which was received through E. A. Keene, from Christ's Church, Green Lake.

The accompanying schedule, marked A, shows the assessment upon the parishes made by the Secretary.

The schedule marked B, is the Secretary's account current, showing the several sums received by him, with the names of the parishes which paid it, and the amount expended by him.

These documents exhibit a deficiency on the assessments of one hundred and fifty dollars and seventy-five cents.

I am informed by Mr. A. W. Hatch, that while acting as Treasurer pro tempore, he received nineteen dollars, which he applied in payment of a debt due from the Convention to himself.

Accompanying schedule marked C, is the statement of the Treasurer's account.

All of which is respectfully submitted. F. RANDALL,  
June, 1852. Treasurer of Convention.

| F. RANDALL, Treasurer of Convention, |                         | Dr.                 | 1851    | F. RANDALL, Treasurer of Convention, Ca. 1851 |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| FROM                                 | Exp. of Convention 1851 | For debt of diocese |         |                                               |       |
|                                      |                         |                     | \$ cts. |                                               |       |
| St. James' Church, Manitowoc.....    | 2 00                    | 1 00                | 3 00    | October 16—Paid to King & Fuller, ..          | 25 00 |
| Trinity Church, Mineral Point.....   | 3 00                    | 5 00                | 8 00    | Nov'm. 1—Paid to S. W. Manney, Secretary, ..  | 1 05  |
| St. Luke's Church, Racine.....       | 7 00                    | 15 00               | 22 00   |                                               |       |
| Grace Church, Sheboygan.....         | 2 00                    | 3 00                | 5 00    |                                               |       |
| Christ's Church, Green Bay.....      | 4 00                    | 1 00                | 5 00    |                                               |       |
| St. Matthews', Kenosha.....          | 5 00                    | 3 00                | 10 00   |                                               |       |
| St. Albans', Lisbon, .....           | 75                      | 1 00                | 1 75    |                                               |       |
| Trinity Church, Marquette, .....     | 1 00                    | 20                  | 1 20    |                                               |       |
| St. John's, Milwaukee, .....         | 2 00                    |                     | 2 00    |                                               |       |
| Zion's Church, Oconomowoc, .....     | 2 00                    | 2 40                | 4 00    |                                               |       |
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# List of the Clergy

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#### JUNE 8th, A. D. 1853.

- Rt. Rev. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D., Bishop in charge of the Diocese. P. O. Delafield.  
 Rev. WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology at Nashotah. P. O. Delafield.  
 Rev. BENJAMIN AKERLY, residing at Brooklyn, New York.  
 Rev. WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG, Rector of St. Alban's Church, Lisbon, Waukesha County.  
 P. O. Sussex.  
 Rev. W. W. ARNETT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.  
 Rev. GEORGE R. BARTLETT, officiating at Marquette and Kingston, Marquette county.  
 Rev. JOHN A. BOWMAN, Deacon, residing at Kenosha.  
 Rev. SAMUEL E. CALLAHAN, residing at Oshkosh.  
 Rev. AZEL D. COLE, D. D., President of Nashotah House, and Professor of Pastoral Theology  
 and Rector of St. Sylvanus' Parish. P. O. Delafield.  
 Rev. SOLOMON DAVIS, Redding at Green Bay.  
 Rev. L. WILSON DAVIS, Rector of Grace Church, Sheboygan.  
 Rev. EDWARD A. GOODNOUGH, B. D., Deacon, officiating at Portage City.  
 Rev. THOMAS GREENE, Deacon, officiating at Morena, Green Lake, Berlin, &c., Marquette Co.  
 Rev. WILLIAM HOMMANN, Rector of Christ Church, Green Bay.  
 Rev. MELANCTHON HOYT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Watertown.  
 Rev. LEONARD R. HUMPHREY, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.  
 Rev. J. P. T. INGRAHAM, B. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Milwaukee.  
 Rev. DAVID KEENE, B. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Milwaukee.  
 Rev. LEWIS A. KEMPER, Deacon, Tutor at Nashotah.  
 Rev. WILLIAM MARKOE, Rector of St. John Chrysostom, Delafield.  
 Rev. STEPHEN C. MILLETT, Itinerant, residence in Beloit.  
 Rev. JOSEPH H. NICHOLS, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Racine.  
 Rev. ROSWELL PARK, D. D., President of Racine College, Racine.  
 Rev. E. STEELE PEAKE, Deacon, Tutor at Nashotah.  
 Rev. G. E. PETERS, Deacon, officiating at Delavan and Elkhorn, Walworth county.  
 Rev. JOSEPH PHELPS, Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.  
 Rev. THOMAS J. RUGER, Rector of Trinity Church, Janesville.  
 Rev. MARTIN P. SORENSSEN, Rector of the Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake, and of St. Olof's  
 Church, Ashippun, and officiating at Mayville, P. O. Mayville.  
 Rev. JOSHUA SWEET, Rector of St. James' Church, Fond du Lac.  
 Rev. HUGH M. THOMPSON, Deacon, officiating at Maysville, Kentucky.  
 Rev. EBENEZER WILLIAMS, Officiating in Grant Co. P. O. Montfort.  
 Rev. MOORE BINGHAM, of New-York, residing at Juneau, Dodge Co.  
 Total number of the Clergy, 30.



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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE, }  
Wednesday, June 8th, 1853. }

This being the time and place appointed for holding the seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Wisconsin Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Clarkson of Chicago and Rev. Mr. Bishop of Kenosha; the Convention sermon was preached by Rev. L. Wilson Davis of Sheboygan; and the Holy communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Dr. Park of Racine College, and Rev. Messrs. Hoyt of Watertown, and Davis of Sheboygan.

The Convention was then called to order, by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop in charge of the Diocese, and the Roll of the Clergy of this Diocese entitled to seats in Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, having been called by the Secretary of the last Convention, the following answered as present:

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D.; Rev. William Adams, D. D.; Rev. Wm. C. Armstrong; Rev. W. W. Arnett; Rev. George R. Bartlett; Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D.; Rev. L. Wilson Davis; Rev. Melancthon Hoyt;



Rev. Leonard R. Humphrey ; Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham ; Rev. Stephen C. Millett ; Rev. Joseph H. Nicholls ; Rev. Roswell Park, D. D. ; Rev. E. Steele Peake ; Rev. G. E. Peters ; Rev. Thomas J. Ruger ; and Rev. Martin F. Sorenson.

Certificates were then received of the election of the following gentlemen as lay delegates to this Convention, from the Parishes respectively named :

*St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.*—Hon. Andrew G. Miller, Benjamin McVickar, M. D., Ebenezer C. Arnold and Cyrus Hawley.

*St. Matthews' Church, Kenosha.*—Josiah Bond, B. C. Adams, and A. Groesbeck, M. D.

*St. Luke's Church, Whitewater.*—P. Howard Brady and Thomas L. Hoppin.

*St. Alban's Church, Lisbon.*—James Weaver, Wm. Weaver and Wm. Weaver 2d.

*St. Luke's Church, Racine.*—Isaac J. Ullmann and Eldad Smith.

*St. Matthews' Church, Waukesha.*—S. S. Case, and Samuel Eales.

*Trinity Church, Janesville.*—J. B. Doe, Joseph A. Wood, and J. J. R. Pease.

*St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes.*—David Warner, M. D., T. C. Dousman, H. C. Shaw, and C. C. Edmonds.

*Grace Church, Sheboygan.*—James. McM. Shafter, Wm. R. Gorsline, and—Highby.

*St. John's Church, Milwaukee.*—Lindsey Ward.

*St. Paul's Church, Watertown.*—Daniel Jones and S. P. Day.

*St. James' Church, Manitowoc.*—Charles W. Fitch, and Richard Steele.

*St. James' Church, Milwaukee.*—R. N. Kimball and Richard Scarritt.

The names of the Delegates having been called, the following answered as present :

Hon. A. G. Miller, Dr. McVickar, E. C. Arnold, C. Hawley, B. C. Adams, J. Weaver, J. J. Ullmann, E. Smith, S. S. Case, T. C. Dousman, C. C. Edmunds, J. McM. Shafter, L. Ward, S. Jones, C. W. Fitch, R. N. Kimball, and R. Scarritt.

The following canonical Committees were then appointed by the chair :

*On Admission of Parishes.*—Rev. M. Hoyt, and Messrs. T. C. Dousman and C. W. Fitch.

*On Diocesan Missions.*—Rev. Messrs. Ruger, Nichols and Millett ; Dr. McVickar and Mr. Hawley.

*On Finance.*—Mr. Shafter, Rev. Messrs. Arnett and Bartlett, and Messrs. Ullmann, Ward, Case and Scarritt.

*On Elections.*—Rev. Messrs. Armstrong and Davis, and Mr. Arnold.

*On Canons.*—Rev. Drs. Adams and Park, and Hon A. G. Miller.

*On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. Dr. G. Cole, Ingraham and Mr. Kimbal.

The Rev. Dr. Cole having declined a re-election, Rev. Dr. Park was chosen Secretary of this Convention ; and Rev. Dr. Cole assistant Secretary.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was then presented by Major Ullmann, in behalf of the

Treasurer, Henry J. Ullmann, Esq. of Racine ; and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund was also presented by Dr. McVickar, in behalf of David Ferguson Esq. Treasurer ; and referred to the same Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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ST. PAUL'S, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment ; when the Report of the Treasurer of the Convention Fund was presented by Judge Miller, in behalf of F. Randal Esq., the Treasurer ; and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, which was listened to with deep interest by the Convention :

DEAR BRETHREN ! In compliance with what is now a universal and highly important custom of our church in America, and which is enjoined by the VIII canon of 1841, I proceed to state to you the affairs of the Diocese since the last meeting of the Convention.

The holy and edifying rite of confirmation has been administered at the following places : The Norwegian congregation of St. Olof, 23 at two visitations ; St. John's, Milwaukee, 15 : the Oneida congregation at Duck Creek, 11 ; Green Bay, 8 at two visitations ; Delavan, 1 ; Elkhorn, 2 at two visitations ; Fond du Lac, 1 ; Manitowoc, 15 at two visitations ; Madison, 10 at two visitations, one of them in a sick room ; Whitewater, 12 ; Nashotah, 4 of the students ; Janesville, 6 ; St. James', Milwaukee, 4 ; Stevens' Point, 1 ; Sauk City, 2 ; Lowell, 2 ; St. Paul's, Milwaukee, 9 ; Nashotah, 3 for St. Sylvanus' parish and 4 for Zion Church, Oconomowoc ; Racine, 8 ; and Sheboygan, 4 ; making 145 who have renewed their baptismal vows.

During the same period I have baptized 9 children at Fond du Lac, 1 at Doty Island, 4 at Menasha, 2 at Duck Creek, 2 at Waukesha, 1 at Lancaster, 1 at Oak Creek, 1 at Nashotah, 2 at Lowell, 1 at Mayville, 1 at Stevens' Point, 4 at Sauk City, 2 near the Waupaca in the Indian country, 1 at Rosendale, 2 at Ripon (now Morena), 3 at Beloit, and 1 at St. Olof's, besides an adult at Jefferson. Of these 38 children, all were baptized at the request of the rector where there was one; 25 of them besides the adult are not included in any parochial report.

The list of candidates for orders is as follows: Henry C. Shaw, Leverett Denison Brainard, Charles Carroll Edmunds, Samuel Josiah Hayward, Peter Brown Morrison, James Moore and Eugene C. Patterson; Samuel F. Jarvis has been transferred to Connecticut.

15th June, nearly a year since, the corner stone of a new church, now almost finished, was laid for St. John's parish, Milwaukee, of which the Rev. David Keene is rector.

18th July, the church at Fond du Lac was consecrated by the name of St. Paul. Among many friends who afforded essential aid towards the accomplishment of this good work, I trust the modest and excellent brother, the Rev. Homer Wheaton of Dutchess county, New-York, will pardon me for recording his name. Notwithstanding much and long continued ill-health, the Rector, the Rev. J. Sweet, continues his acceptable labors, and the congregation, it is supposed, will soon require the enlargement of their church.

The small though beautiful edifice at Manitowoc was set apart to the solemn worship of Almighty God, on Sunday, 25th July. The services of that and the following day were deeply interesting, and were participated in by the Rev. Messrs. Hommann, Keene and Armstrong, as well as the missionary and myself.

On the next day, the 26th July, the Rev. George P. Schetky was promoted to the second order of the Ministry in the newly consecrated Church of St. James'.

At a special ordination held 11th August, at Nashotah, the Rev. V. Spalding, on letters dismissory from the Bishop of Michigan, was admitted to the priesthood. The sermon was preached by my estimable friend, the Rev. Dr. S. R. Johnson, of the General Theological Seminary; and the Rev. Messrs. Chamberlain, Hoyt and Schetky, participated with the two professors in the services of the day.

On Trinity Sunday, the three members of the senior class of Nashotah, Edward A. Goodnough, Thomas Greene and

Lewis A. Kemper, having completed their Theological course, and been duly examined according to the canons, were ordained to the holy order of Deacons, at the chapel of the Institution. Several clergy of the Diocese were present at that important time.

Six of our fellow laborers. I regret to say, have removed. The Rev. F. R. Haff has been transferred to Indiana, the Rev. James Abercrombie to western New York, the Rev. William S. Ludlum to New York, the Rev. George P. Schetky to Kentucky, and the Rev. Albert Bingham to Indiana. The ministry of Mr. Bingham had thus far been exercised at Ashtabula, in Ohio, in connection with the venerable and reverend John Hall; but the other brethren have left some of our most important fields of labor vacant, and which thus far I have found it impossible to supply, on account of the alarming scarcity of clergymen. To the above I must add the Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, who continues connected with my mission, although he has removed from Wisconsin to become the missionary at Stillwater, in Minnesota.

We have, however, been enabled through Divine mercy to make some additions to our number. The Rev. Roswell Park, D. D., has been received from Connecticut and is now President of Racine College. The Rev. Garret E. Peters, deacon, on his way last fall to Minnesota, was detained in Wisconsin by the freezing of the Upper Mississippi. I sent him to Delavan and Elkhorn in Walworth County, where his services proved so acceptable, that the congregations among which he labored, solicited that he might remain among them; to which I have lately most cheerfully consented, as the station to which he was destined is now to be supplied by the Rev. Mr. Greenleaf. The Rev. W. W. Arnett was transferred from Pennsylvania and is rector of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee. And the Rev. Hiram N. Bishop has accepted the pastoral charge of the Church at Kenosha, and would have been transferred before this time, had not Bishop McIlvaine been in England. To these we must add the names of the three new deacons. The Rev. Edward A. Goodnough has gone as Missionary to Portage City, the Rev. Thomas Greene to Morena (formerly Ripon) and several places in its neighborhood, and the Rev. Lewis A. Kemper, will continue for a year as a tutor at Nashotah.

Whenever requested so to do, I have visited most readily and with pleasure those important nurseries of the Church, the Sunday Schools. The gratification I experienced in talking to and examining the children at Elkhorn, Manitowish,

ville, St. John's in Milwaukee, Green Bay, St. Paul's in Milwaukee, and Sheboygan, is yet fresh in my memory.

The places which I have visited besides those mentioned before, and at all of which I preached once or oftener are Ash, Plymouth, Depere, Burnett and Juneau in Dodge County, Prairie la Crosse, Prairie du Chien, Kenosha, Lisbon, Oshkosh, Watertown, Horicon, Portage City, Plover, Weston, Marquette, Berlin, Green Lake, Dartford, Fox Lake and Two Rivers.

Occasionally, and whenever called upon, I have performed my duty in visiting the sick, administering the holy communion in private, and burying the dead.

In trying or discouraging events, I could state too many. Do we all, as living members of Christ's Holy Church, realize our privileges, our duties and our responsibilities? Are we any measure sensible that the silver and the gold are the less, and that for every gift bestowed by Him, not only of worldly goods, but of time and talents, we must render an account at the last day? Where is that calm yet glowing faith which burned so pure and bright in the breasts of Christians during primitive times, and characterized them as a people zealous of good works?

The church at Waukesha is unfinished and deeply in debt. A little building, perhaps the very first erected for public worship by the members of our communion in the then Territory has been sold, and the congregation, without a pastor now whole year, has scarcely, I fear, been called together, except on the very few Sundays which I have been enabled to come to that important village. The ways of Zion mourn. The congregation at Beloit are now deprived of the inestimable privileges of the Church, as their worthy Rector was compelled by ill health to resign his pastoral care. Here, too, is a fine stone Church, unfinished and in debt, but yet lying in such a state that worship can be celebrated in it.

Oshkosh, which I once considered highly promising as a growing and thriving place, and where I thought there were several thousands of well-instructed Episcopalians, has been deprived for a year, of the ministry.

The departure—though I trust but for a short time—of the late and exemplary William H. Whitney, from Bloom Prairie and the removal, first of the Rev. Mr. McNamara, and afterwards of the Rev. Mr. Ludlum, have discouraged the hearts of our friends both at the Prairie and at Geneva. We hope for better days.

There was a time during last summer, when I confidently

expected a congregation would be collected and a church built at Lancaster, in Grant county. The sudden and unexpected retirement of the Rev. Mr. Williams from that station, has not destroyed, I trust,—but postponed, I fear, to a distant day the hopes which were so sanguinely cherished.

And now that beautiful and interesting field at Manitowoc where unquestionably much has been done in a short time, and whose neighborhood for miles around would afford active employment to a zealous clergyman, is vacant. Mr. Schetky has been compelled to seek the restoration of health in a more southern climate.

Madison, which is now becoming of first importance, not only from its being the capitol of the State and the seat of the University, but from its present rapid growth, has been very satisfactorily supplied during the past year, by the Rev. Hugh M. Thompson. Prospects were quite encouraging, and a suitable church was in contemplation. To my sincere regret, Mr. Thompson leaves about this time for Kentucky.

The handsome edifice erected by the zealous and much lamented R. R. Cox, of Delafield, has been closed for several months, and will continue, it is apprehended, to be so on account of the impaired health of the Rector, and the difficulty of obtaining a supply.

But perhaps our most lamentable vacancy, and one that causes me the most anxiety and grief, is that occasioned by the resignation, nearly a year ago, of the Rev. Mr. Haff. I have tried, and am still using every effort to obtain a Missionary for the important station at Duck Creek, where I presume there are some seven hundred souls, including men, women and children of civilized Indians, who are now, too literally, sheep without a shepherd, exposed to the baneful influences of irreligious white men, and requiring constant care and advice. Comfortable provision is offered, both as to residence and support; but as yet I have found no one willing to undertake this arduous and interesting mission among the Oneidas.

In addition to these important stations, there are several which I have mentioned in former addresses, where the Church could be organized and built up. Our Missionaries ought to visit Port Washington, Beaver Dam, Fox Lake, Jefferson, Clarence, Prairie la Crosse, Prairie du Chien, Willow River, Prescott, Sauk City, Plover, Stevens' Point, and indeed every thriving village in the State, for at every one, perhaps without an exception, members of our Communion are to be found. But where are the laborers, and where the means to sustain them? These are questions which should interest our best feelings, go

inmost hearts, and which demand our deepest and most fervent prayers.

could complain, were I disposed to do so, especially I have said for the last two years, at the neglect of funds have met with, and the strange, if not unwelcome, with respect to printing the Journals. But I hope these. The state of indifference, neglect and forgetfulness I trust in God, passed away, and I hasten to mention circumstances which may be considered encouraging.

now in our midst, three Institutions, of which, at their infancy, we may well be proud.

Miss Hall has been established in Milwaukee, by her son and Miss Kissam, with the aid of competent aid promises to be just such a school as a Christian mother for the real welfare of her child, would select. Her daughter made a polished corner of the temple.

are equally well provided for at Racine College, where the indefatigable Dr. Roswell Park is exerting his energies to build up a school on the true principles of education and where the highest literary and scientific attainments can be obtained.

These Schools I trust you will rally with interest and

is now, as you all well know, entirely devoted to education for the ministry of those young men who are to judge for themselves, and believe it to be their duty, in the ways of God's appointments, through able ministers of the New Testament. This Seminary is up in our midst, and is now attracting, as I fully deserve, the attention of the Church. It has been sustained by the prayers and donations of faithful members who reside at a distance from us. As our people have been greatly benefitted by it, and it is of the first importance to our future prosperity, I hope you will hereafter continue its support.

that at Kenosha, after being a long while vacant, has the prospect of becoming flourishing, under the zealous ministrations of its new Rector.

Union of all the three Churches in Milwaukee has increased and in some respects trying during the last twelve months now they all begin as it were anew, and under able Rectors, and in the midst of a large and growing congregation to find them not merely self-supporting, but anxious to build up a fourth parish, and generously contribute to all our diocesan funds and church institutions.



The return of the Rev. L. Wilson Davis to Grace Church, Sheboygan, after a year's absence in the Diocese of Mississippi, was an event earnestly desired by the congregation, and very gratifying to me.

I am now dwelling upon our encouragements, and I believe I can speak favorably of every parish that has enjoyed the constant ministrations of the Church. But the progress of several, if not most of them, has been greatly impeded by the almost roving disposition of the inhabitants, and particularly by the attractions which California and even Australia present. It is therefore peculiarly gratifying to me to state, as you will perceive by our list, that several of the clergy remain at the same parishes in which they began their self-denying labors. Fervently do I pray that they may long continue the faithful pastors of a devout and attached people.

With the aid of a few Eastern friends, a Diocesan Library, for the use of the clergy and candidates for holy orders, has been begun, and is now under my charge. I shall be happy at any time to give a list of the books for publication on the Journals.

When it was evident that the health of Rev. S. C. Millett was failing, and he could no longer attend to the duties of his parish, I was enabled to offer him an itineracy for a year, which began early in February. While traveling through the State he will act as an agent for those publications which you would wish to see in every family and all our Sunday Schools. His principal objects, however, will be to afford to vacant stations occasional supplies, and to carry, if possible, to every individual member of the Church, wherever settled in Wisconsin, the consolations and sacraments of the Gospel. I bespeak for him your kind attentions and hospitality. Through the generosity of a clerical friend, now as formerly belonging to my mission, though at present in a far distant part of it, I can afford some aid to our worthy brother, and send him on a mission, which, in the good providence of God, I hope will both restore his health, and do much good to the Church.

Brethren! I feel that amidst much of the infirmity of human nature, I have done my duty to the Diocese. And now I ask you, in the name of God, are you ready to do yours? There is yet much land to be possessed. It is beautiful and most attractive—and white to the harvest. We have been comparatively idle or careless. In no wise have we equalled—we have scarcely imitated—the energy of those who surround us on every side. The cause is the most delightful, the most important, the most solemn in which we can possibly be interested;

and from our position and our privileges I believe—and I now speak to every baptized member of the Church—we are, each one, personally responsible to the Lord our Redeemer for the future prosperity and growth of the Diocese. What means have we in our own hands! The Almighty has unquestionably called us to this work and labor of love, whereby we may speed his glory and promote the salvation of souls. From the Pinery, from the Indian Country, and from various vicinities, besides the important but now deserted stations I have mentioned, there are earnest appeals for help. “We are ready, we have the means to build a church, as soon as you can promise to send us a clergyman.” Such language I have heard this week, and I know there are several places where Episcopalians would repeat it in earnestness and sincerity. Let us then provoke one another to good works. Let us interest our friends and relations at the East and South. Let us, each one of us, contribute much more than we have heretofore done, to the support of theological students, and to the fund for sustaining missions within our own limits. May the Most High grant you a right judgment in all things, and enable you to devise liberal things; and may you, through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, be from henceforth, steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for—an inspired Apostle has said it—for as much as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

The Parochial Reports, having been duly presented, were read at intervals during the proceedings of the day.

The Report of the Committee on Elections was read and accepted.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Diocese of Wisconsin heartily and entirely approves the Amendment of the Constitution proposed by the General Convention of 1850, repealing territorial limitation of new or altered Dioceses, and concurs in the same.

The Report of the Finance Committee was received and accepted, sanctioning the several Treasurer's reports referred to them.

The Report of the Standing Committee was received and read.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church from other Dioceses, now visiting this place, be invited to honorary seats in this Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the canonical elections. Rev. L. W. Davis and Mr. Arnold were appointed Tellers to receive the votes for *Deputies to the General Convention*; and the following gentlemen were declared duly elected viz:

Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D.; Rev. J. H. Nichols; Rev. L. W. Davis, and Rev. B. Akerly; Gen. Philo White; Benjamin McVickar, M. D.; J. B. Doe, Esq., and Timothy T. Kissam, Esq.

*Supplementary Deputies*:—Rev. T. J. Ruger; Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham; Rev. M. Hoyt, and Rev. W. Hornmann; Benjamin C. Adams, Esq.; Hon. Andrew G. Miller; Daniel Jones, Esq., and S. S. Case, Esq.

During the election, the Report of the Committee on Diocesan Missions was read by Rev. Mr. Nichols.

Rev. Mr. Sorenson and Mr. Edmunds were appointed Tellers to receive the votes for the *Standing Committee*, and the following gentlemen were declared duly elected, viz:—

Rev. Dr. Adams; Rev. Messrs. Keene, Arnett and Ingraham; Hon. A. G. Miller; J. Hawley; Dr. McVickar, and J. B. Selby.

Ebenezer C. Arnold, Esq., was duly elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported the pending resolution, which was adopted.

resolved, That the subjects of "The Trial of Cler-  
en," and the "Incorporation of Parishes," now be-  
the Committee on Canons, of the last Convention,  
indefinitely postponed, and that said Committee be  
larged.

On motion, Messrs. M. M. Strong, L. Ward, I. J. Ullman, Philo White and B. McVickar, were re-elected trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

the following *Amendments* to the Constitution of the  
 1890 were adopted, subject to the approbation of the  
 Convention.

rt. VIII. Sec. 2, Strike out the word "Wedensday,"  
insert "Friday."

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Rev. W. W. Ar-  
be appointed conservator of the public documents  
his Diocese.

n motion, it was *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to report the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled, and the names of suitable persons therefor. They appointed the Rev. Messrs. Ingraham and Armstrong, and Dr. McVickar, as the Committee: who reported that the Diocese is entitled to four Trustees; presented the names of Rev. Dr. Adams, Rev. Wm. H. Lytle, Gen. Philo White, and Peter Kissam, Esq., as suitable persons therefor. On motion, these gentlemen were duly nominated to this office, subject to the confirmation of the General Convention.

There being a large deficiency in the Convention

Fund, to meet the expense of printing three Journals, and the quota of this Diocese for the General Convention, a subscription was made covering this deficiency, and deposited with Mr. Arnold, the Treasurer.

On motion, the Chair appointed the Treasurer and Secretary of the Convention, with Rev. Mr. Arnett, a committee to publish the Journal of this Convention, in connection with the Journals of the last two Conventions, not yet published ; and 250 copies were ordered to be printed.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to its friends in this city for their kind hospitality ; and that the next annual Convention of this Diocese be held in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, on the 2d Wednesday of June, 1854.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, that this Convention do now adjourn, after the usual devotions. The reading of the minutes having been unanimously dispensed with the 99th selection of Psalms was then sung, from the 4th verse ; and after uniting with the Bishop in prayer and having received his Benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

ROSWELL PARK, Sec'y.

AZEL D. COLE, Ass't. Sec'y.

## A P P E N D I X .

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### *Report of the Standing Committee.*

nding committee respectfully report, that during the  
, this Committee have recommended Mr. Eugene C.  
nd Mr. James Merie to the Bishop, as candidates for  
lers.

ey have also recommended Mr. Edward A. Good-  
nd Mr. Thomas Greene, for admission to the diace-  
have signed the testimonials of the Rev. Jonathan  
ght, provisional Bishop elect of the Diocese of New

mmittee acting as a Board of Missions, have order-  
priations of \$100 to Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham for one  
nmencing Oct. 1, 1852; of \$50 to Rev. D. Keene,  
1 each to Rev. Messrs. Sweet, Armstrong and Soren-  
nounts due to them 1st July, 1852.

Hawly having resigned as a member of the Commit-  
t. McVickar was elected in his stead.

which is respectfully submitted, F. RANDALL,  
Sec'y.

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### *rt of the Committee on Diocesan Missions.*

he interesting details of the spiritual wants of the  
which have been presented to the Convention by the  
Bishop Kemper, in his annual address, an elaborate  
the subject of Diocesan Missions would be super-  
a more explicit statement, and a more touching ap-  
those of our Bishop could not possibly be made. Our  
ayer to Almighty God is that they may receive a  
ready response from the hearts of every clergyman  
an in our borders.

mmittee, however, deem it their duty to state that  
seen with deep regret that the required collections  
an Missions have been made in so few of our parish-

es. The whole Diocese is, indeed, more or less, a Missionary field, and almost every parish requires for its own support nearly all the resources that can be raised by its own members. Many of our Laity are, therefore, reluctant to contribute any funds that shall be diverted from their own churches and many of our Clergy, while their own scanty salaries are unpaid, and while their own families are almost suffering from the want of their daily bread, feel it to be an inconsistency and an affectation of charity, to be sending abroad to other portions of the Diocese, those pecuniary means which are so painfully needed at home. Still, we believe that no parish, however poor, has been made the poorer by occasionally sending its sympathies, in however humble a way, beyond its own vicinity. Whenever a true Missionary spirit exists, there is always a reflex influence sure to follow, soon or late. Every parish that contributes to this holy cause, we are confident will receive, in some shape or another, a remunerating blessing from the Head of the Church.

The Committee would therefore earnestly recommend every Clergyman who has a parochial care, to make at least once a year, a collection in his Church, however small the sum may be, for the sustaining of our Diocesan Missions, and for keeping alive a genuine Missionary spirit in the hearts of the people. In behalf of the Committee,

JOSEPH H. NICHOLS.

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*Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the  
Diocese of Wisconsin, in account* HENRY J. ULLMAN  
*Treasurer.*

By balance as per account rendered May 1, 1853, \$65.40;  
June 4, 1852, by contribution from Grace Church, Madison, \$4.75; June 17, 1852, by Easter offering from St. John's Church, Westport, Delafield, Geo. R. McLane, \$10.00; June 19, 1852, Trinity Church, Janesville, Rev. Mr. Ruger, \$33.81; October 12, 1852, by Jno. M. Cary, interest money, \$24; Dec. 28, 1852, Christmas offering from St. Luke's Church, Racine, \$6.00; Jan. 8, 1853, Christmas offering from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, \$16.50; Jan. 8, 1853, Christmas offering, Christ Church, Green Bay, \$5; Feb. 24, 1853, Strong & Fuller, cash for amount deposited by Jno. M. Cary to their credit, \$217.00; March 28, 1853, Collection St. Luke's Church, Racine, Easter day, \$6.70; March 30, 1853, collection St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, Easter day, \$22.05; April 2, 1853, collection Christ Church,

Church, Green Bay, Easter day, \$5.50; April 19, 1853, collection St. Sylvanus' Parish, Nashotah Lake, \$11.25—\$427.99.

Dr., Feb. 26, 1853, To amount paid Marshall M. Strong (one of the Trustees) draft for loan to S. Raymond, \$382; balance on hand, \$45.99.

*To the Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Wisconsin.*

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Convention, respectfully reports, that he has received during the past year ninety-nine dollars, which added to the balance in his hands at the date of the last report, amounts to \$136.50; that he has paid out \$83.56; leaving on his hands a balance of \$53.04. All of which will more fully appear by the account current in the Treasurer's book, to which he respectfully refers.

F. RANDALL,  
Treasurer of Convention.

June 20th, 1853.

*Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.*

RECEIPTS.—July 3, 1852, cash from J. D. Cowles, \$407.95; July 16, cash from St. Luke's Church, Racine, \$10; cash from Trinity Church, Janesville, \$7; Sept. 14, cash from St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah, \$3.98; Oct. 4, cash from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, \$9.43; Nov. 29, cash from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, (special), \$50; Jan. 14, 1853, cash from Miss Sarah Cox per Bishop Kemper, \$25; Feb. 7, cash from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, \$7; April 7, cash from Rev. H. E. Montgomery, \$25; April 25, cash from Mrs. K., Duchess Co., N. Y., \$125; cash from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, (special), \$32.72; cash from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, (special), \$3.45; May 9, cash from Henry T. Woodward, Jr., Beloit, \$3; May 17, cash from St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah, \$6.77; June 7, cash from St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, \$23.85—\$730.16.

DISBURSEMENTS.—To Rev. D. Keene per voucher No. 1, \$50; W. C. Armstrong, do No. 2, \$31.25; M. Hoyt, do No. 3, \$15; M. Hoyt, do No. 4, \$15; J. Sweet do No. 5, \$31.25; W. C. Armstrong do No. 6, \$31.25; D. Keene do No. 7, \$100; M. Hoyt, do No. 8, \$15; W. C. Armstrong do No. 9, \$31.25;



D. Keene do No. 10, \$50; W. C. Armstrong do No. 11, \$31.25  
J. P. T. Ingraham do No. 12, \$50; M. Hoyt do No. 13, \$11  
—\$466.25. Balance on hand \$263.91.

Respectfully submitted.

D. FERGUSON, Treas.

Milwaukee, June 7, 1853.

### PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

I have to report that, as during past years, I have in this last year been occupied in the duties of Professor of Systematic Divinity at Nashotah. I have also performed services at various places and times which are duly recounted in the Parishes wherein they were performed. Furthermore, I have performed two infant baptisms unrecorded in my parish.

WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D. S. T. P.

#### St. Alban's Church, Sussex.

Baptisms, infants, 11; Marriages' 1; Burials, 4; Communicants—present number, 51; S. S. Scholars 20; Teachers, 3; contribution to convention fund, \$3.

Since November last, I have held services in a school house 3 miles west. I have performed official duties at Waukeesa and among the Irish church people residing in Washington county.

WM. C. ARMSTRONG.

#### St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.

The Rector reports that he assumed the charge of the parish on the first Sunday in Lent; since which time he has been engaged in the regular discharge of his duties, with the exception of an absence in the East for his family, which included three Sundays. For the statistics of the parish the present rector must refer to the reports of his predecessors.

Baptisms, 8; Confirmations, 9; Funerals, 4; Marriages, 1

Contributions of the parish since the first Sunday in Lent:—For the Episcopal Fund, \$22.05; for Diocesan Missions, \$50 for the Convention Fund \$16; for Sunday School Library \$150; Offerings, \$17.20; Total, \$255.70.

W. W. ARNETT, Rector.

#### St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha.

Official duties were performed in this parish, during the pas

tional year, chiefly by the Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, late and by the Rev. Mr. Bowman, Deacon.

ing no record of their acts, this report will only embrace te of the parish since the beginning of my ministry, was on Whit-Sunday, the 7th of May.

number either of Families or Communicants connected ie congregation, does not appear on the parish register ny degree of precision, and my residence has been too o allow me, accurately, to learn how many there are. mber of each is probably between 60 and 70.

tisms, infants 5 ; Sunday School Children, 60 ; Teachers, techized twice ; for Sunday School, \$20 : other Parish es, \$38,31 ; Total, \$58,31.

re seems to be much in the present condition of this to animate to renewed exertions for the extension of 's Kingdom.

sionary services have been held once, five miles towards e, and twice in the country, four miles west of the city. he good seed sown produce abundant fruit.

H. N. BISHOP, Rector.

#### Nashotah Mission.

important Mission, the Theological School of the North has pursued the past year the even tenor of its way. blessing of the Lord has been vouchsafed in the increased and offerings of the Church—the sole dependence of Na—and in the increased number of teachers and students.

are now connected with the Mission, two Presbyters, leacons, ten candidates for Holy Orders and fourteen men perparing for candidateship.

tisms, adults, 1 ; Confirmations, (exclusive of the Bap-and Confirmations of St. Sylvanus' Parish) 4 ; Sunady s, 2 ; Scholars, 40. The Bishop of the Diocese, on Trin-iday, admitted three to the Deaconate, making the pre-umber of Alumni of Nashotah twenty-one.

long as the Lord continues to open the hearts and the of His people with supplies, will the great work now in be continued. No one is allowed to pursue his studies who is not fully resolved to enter, if the Lord will, the Ministry. For three years the same unvaried course has persisted in, under the sanction and kind assistance of shop. The hope is humbly and prayerfully entertained, ie Church will continue her fostering care of this vine

of the Lord's planting. The fruits are already many and blessed. They can be abundant to all coming generations.

AZEL D. COLE,  
President of Nashotah Mission

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#### St. Sylvanus' Parish, Summitt.

Baptisms, children 6; Confirmations, 3; Communion about 75; Marriages, 2; Burials, infants 2, adults 2, total Offerings, Convention fund, \$5.00; Episcopal fund, \$11; Diocesan Missions, \$10.75; Domestic Missions, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$7.50; Ojibwa Missions, \$12.00; Sunday school \$10.84.

This Parish is to some degree connected with the Nashotah Mission. All the services of the Church in the Chapel be public and open, alike to the Mission and the Parish.

AZEL D. COLE, Rector.

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#### Zion Church, Oconomowoc.

Baptisms, infants, 2; Confirmations, in Nashotah Chapel, Offerings, Convention Fund, \$3.00; Sunday School, \$6.00.

This Parish has only an evening service at 4 P. M., on the Lord's Day. The undersigned is able to hold this solely by the kind aid of the Rev. Dr. Adams, and the Rev. E. S. Peck B. D. A flourishing Sunday School, under the superintendence of a candidate for Holy Orders from Nashotah, assisted by several of the students and members of the congregation has been established and now numbers 50 children. The Church edifice, begun and continued by the liberal donors, the beautiful site, will probably be completed this season. Nothing is needed but a resident Rector, to make this one of the strongest, most interesting and important Parishes in the Diocese.

AZEL D. Cole, Rector

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Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin, May 23, 1853

The "Church of the Intercession" was organized as an original proceeding at this place, on the 4th of December last, the adopting of a constitution, and choosing Wardens and Vestrymen. Lay-reading was commenced two months before which has been continued with slight intermissions, (4 Sundays in all) ever since.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop visited us in February last, and spent the second Sunday in Lent with us ; preached 4 times, baptised one child, confirmed one person, and administered the holy communion to five persons, members of the Parish.

A Sunday School was organized on the 6th of March, at which besides the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and three female teachers (members of the congregation) assisted, consisting of 38 scholars; it is well attended, and bids fair to be an important auxilliary to the church here. There are five families, besides single persons of both sexes, connected with this Parish. A house of Worship, 26X40 feet on the ground, is in process of erection, (on a lot secured to the Parish) being up, and nearly enclosed ; it is to be finished with a vestry room, organ loft, and small tower for a bell. It will accommodate 200 persons, and is estimated to cost, when completed, about 1200 dollars. It will be finished and ready for consecration, we hope, about the 15th of August next.

The prospect for the church is encouraging here, provided we can have the services of a Clergyman immediately ; otherwise what has thus far been done, at a cost of \$1000 and much labor will be lost. The population of this village is about 600, in a beautiful, healthy location, and likely to become a town of some importance. Others are making great exertions to engross the people ; we want help immediately, or it may be too late—with church finished, and mostly out of debt, and a congregation waiting, shall we ask in vain?

A. G. ELLIS, Warden.

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#### Trinity Church, Marquette.

Communicants, 9 ; Baptisms, (infants,) 8 ; Marriages, 1 ; Burials, 3 ; Sunday School Teachers, 3 ; Sunday School Scholars, 15 ; Sunday School Library, No. of Vols., 102 ; Collections for Foreign Missions, \$3.21 ; Collections for Domestic Missions, \$1 ; Collections for Sunday School Library, \$6.19 by Sewing Society, \$10.—Total \$14.21.

In connection with Marquette, I have officiated about half the time at Kingston.

G. R. BARTLETT, Rector.

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#### St. Peter's Church, Oshkosh.

Baptisms, children, 3 ; Funerals, 4.

I continued to officiate regularly until about the 1st of January, and occasionally since that period. In pursuance of

Baptisms—Infants 11, Adults 4, Total 13 ; Confirmations last Reported 18, Added 12, Total 30 ; Marriages 3 ; Burials 2 ; Sunday Scholars 25 ; Teachers 1.  
L. RAVELLA HUMPHREY,

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St. Paul's Church, Watertown.

Families, 37; Individuals, 150; Baptisms, Infants 2, 7; Confirmations, 2; Communicants (added 8—1 removal and death 2), present number 55; Marriages, 7; 1

Regular service twice on each Lord's day, and observance of the principal fasts and festivals of the Church.

M. HOYT,

Report of Missionary services rendered by me as Missionary.

I have officiated as follows : At Portland 1, at De Pere 1, at Fox Lake 1, at Lowel 9 times, I have also visited Beaver Dam, not holding service. There is no church throughout the county of Dodge, Episcopal family churches might be built, and congregations established. Beaver Dam and Fox Lake, could a Missionary be sent there. As it is, all that can be expected is, to keep the people longing to the church from being persuaded to cast away among the dissenters, and extend a knowledge of the Gospel.  
M. F.

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St. James' Parish, Milwaukee—Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Rector.

I entered upon the Pastoral charge of this Parish, November the first, 1852. My first public service in the Parish was held on Advent Sunday, November 25, 1852. Since that time regular services have been held in the Church, with the exception of two months, when the Church was closed for repairs.

Present number of Families, 36 ; Communicants, 30 ; Baptisms, Infants 13 ; Received into the congregation, 4 ; Confirmations, 4 ; Marriages, 8 ; Burials, 6.

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I have officiated during the past year until Feb., 5, 1853, at which time I resigned the Church of that Parish. Since that time the Parish has been destitute of stated pastor.

Present number of Communicants, 39, Sunday Scholars, 30 ; Teachers, 4 ; Burial, 1.

STEPHEN C. MILLER

## St. John, Chrysostom, Delafield.

Since the date of my last Parochial Report, my health has continued so broken that until within the last few days my official duties in my Parish have been almost entirely suspended. I spent the whole of last winter in Philadelphia, to escape the severe cold of the climate here, which, in consequence of the addition of my throat and chest at that time, I had reason to dread. During my visit to the East, whenever I felt strong enough and my assistance was needed, I took either the whole or such portions of the services as I was able to get through with. On six occasions I was induced to take the whole service, including the administration of the Holy Communion, and three times without this Sacrament; my assistance was frequently given in the administration of the Holy Communion on other occasions. I also baptized two children, and preached in all twenty-four times.

The milder temperature of Philadelphia contributed much to the restoration of my throat and chest; but a short time before my return to the west I had one of the worst attacks of nervous disorder, to which I have for some years been more or less subject. My head was so seriously affected by this attack that my physician pronounced my nervous system to be very much deranged, and forbade me to enter upon parish duty for at least two years. In consequence of this prohibition, I collected among my friends in the East three hundred dollars year for two years for an assistant clergymen, that I might at least be relieved of a portion of duty; but I have thus far found no one, East or West, to take the place. Feeling rather improved in health, and being much grieved for the condition of my Parish, I resolved once more to try my own strength, and yesterday the services were again undertaken in our church; whether or not I shall be strong enough to continue them with regularity, time alone will show. My greatest difficulty at present is that I am obliged to write with my left hand, my right having become useless for this purpose, owing to extreme nervousness.

It is annoying to be compelled to say so much about one's personal troubles in a Report, which, under ordinary circumstances, should comprise a statement of only the affairs of the Parish; but in this instance it seemed impossible to make the latter understood without some statement concerning the former.

The following is a list of duties which have been performed since my return home:

Baptisms, infants, 3 : Holy Communion, administered in public, 1—in private, 2—Total, 3 ; Burials, 1.

WILLIAM MARKOE.

Since Feb., 6, I have officiated as Missionary in the State in the following places : At Clarence three times, at which place I have administered the Lord's Supper twice, and have baptised one adult and two children. At Geneva I have held service and preached at two different times ; and once at Bloom Prairie, and administered the Holy Communion : once at Johnstown, once at Elkhorn, once at Fort Atkinson, one Sunday at Jefferson, and one Sunday at Waukesha. In addition to these places I have officiated at private houses and in school houses, on other Sundays, direct from Beloit 8 and 10 miles.

Administered the Holy Communion, 2 ; Baptisms, Adult, 1 ; Infants, 2 ; Total, 3 ; Burials, 3 : Miles traveled, 450.

At all these places there are some individuals and families decidedly attached to the service of the Episcopal Church.

STEPHEN C. MILLETT, Itinerant Missionary.

#### St. Luke's Church, Racine.

Families connected with the Parish, 95 ; Individuals, 350 ; Baptisms, adult 1, infants 10, 11 ; Confirmed, 8 ; Communicants, 100 ; Marriages, 7 ; Burials, adults 2, children 4, 6 ; Families lost by removal, 20 ; Sunday School, Teachers, 8, Scholars, 80 ; Offerings of the Parish : for Episcopal Fund, \$13.20 ; Convention Fund, \$9.00 ; Diocesan Missions, \$9.60 ; Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$11.00 ; Parochial and charitable uses, \$85.83 ; Offerings of the Sunday School : for Missions, \$4.00 ; Offerings of the "Children's Society" for the Indian Mission in Minnesota, \$23.00—Total, \$155.63.

It will be seen by this report, that there has been a serious diminution in the number of families belonging to this Parish, owing to these removals to other places. This decrease has, of course, affected the strength and the resources of the Church, and has in some measure dampened the zeal of its members. This depression, it is trusted, however, is but temporary. When the railroads which have been recently begun in this vicinity, shall have been completed, it is hoped that a new impulse will be given to the commercial prosperity of this city, and that a brighter era will then, likewise, dawn upon our Church. It is reasonable to expect that our Zion will grow with the steady growth of the town. If God shall vouchsafe to us an increase in numerical strength, may He, also, enable us to abound more and more in grace!

During the three winter months, the Rector of this Parish was absent on a tour to the Atlantic cities, to solicit aid in behalf of Racine College. His applications, on the whole, were successful. In the meantime, his pulpit was supplied, much to the satisfaction of the people, by his esteemed friend and brother in the ministry, the Rev. Roswell Park, D. D.

JOSEPH H. NICHOLS, Rector.

#### Trinity Church, Janesville.

Baptisms, infants 11, adults 3, 14; Confirmed, 6; Communicants, admitted 14, present number 27; Sunday School, Teachers, 10, Scholars, 60; Money paid by the Parish for Diocesan Missions, \$5.00; for Conventional Fund, \$10.00; in charity to the needy, \$35.00; for parochial, \$17.00.

T. J. RUGER, Rector.

#### Racine College.—Rev. Roswell Park, D. D.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since his arrival in this Diocese, in November last, he has been assiduously engaged in his duties, as President of Racine College. This Institution, incorporated March 3, 1853, under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church, went into operation on the 15th of November last, and is now attended by 33 students, including those in the Preparatory Department or Grammar School, besides a transient class of Young Ladies, for the present session only. The President is now assisted in giving instruction by the Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, A. M., in the department of English Literature; and by Messrs. E. Y. Smith and B. A. Segur, in the subordinate branches. The present session will close on Thursday the 28th of July, the day of the first annual commencement; and the two days preceding this will be devoted to a thorough public examination. The autumn session, beginning the second Collegiate year, will commence, Providence permitting, on Wednesday, the 14th of September, when the new College edifice will be completed, and ready for the reception of students.

Besides the full course of instruction customary in other Colleges, there will be a shorter course in this institution, for those students who may wish to obtain a superior education, and then to engage in business pursuits. This course may be entered upon at once by those who are proficient in Arithmetic, English Grammar, and Geography, without any previous



study of Greek or Latin ; and those who sustain the  
 tions to the end of this course, will graduate with  
 of Bachelor of Sciences. It will be completed in t  
 and the studies therein, as now arranged, are as  
 First year, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and f  
 Chemistry ; Civil History ; the Latin Grammar an  
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 Government, Architecture and Civil Engineering. (

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 Applications for admission should be made to the  
 who will be happy to communicate any further in  
 which may be desired. The College exercises are o  
 public, and visitors are always welcome. Attentio  
 paid to the improvement of the students in ma  
 morals, as far as opportunity may be afforded. The  
 of the College will consist of selections from the Pr  
 and the Bible, including exercises in Sacred Music.  
 tution is now commended to the patronage of the Ch  
 f uther donations are solicited of books for the Libr  
 rals and curiosities for the Cabinet, and funds for t  
 ment of the College.

ROSWELL

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#### Christ's Church, Delavan.

I respectfully report to the Bishop, that since the  
 January 1852, I have regularly officiated at Delavan  
 horn, holding morning service at Delavan and the e  
 Elkhorn. The Parish at Delavan has a small but ex  
 church edifice.

During the past year the people have done much,  
 ing, to improve the external appearance. They have  
 cured a bell of five hundred pounds, and are now en  
 church grounds.

The Sunday School, organized the second Sun  
 Epiphany, numbers 46 Scholars and 5 Teachers.

The present number of Families is, 27 ; Com  
 21 ; Marriages, 1 ; Baptisms, Infants, 4 ; Confir  
 Deaths, 2 ; Church offerings, \$5.23.

G. E. PI

### St. John's Church, Elkhorn.

This Parish has no Church building, and hold their service at the Court House. The Sunday School, through the persevering efforts of the Teachers, has been kept up even in the absence of a Minister.

The school numbers 60 scholars, with six Teachers.

Number of Families is, 14 ; Communicants, 16 ; Baptisms, infants, 4 ; Confirmations, 1 ; Deaths, 2.

G. E. PETERS.

Since my ordination, in June last, I have been employed in teaching at Nashotah, having been absent for a short time by omission. In addition to this I have participated in the services of the church every Sunday, either at Nashotah or elsewhere; preaching on an average of more than once in every two Sundays; I have attended two funerals, and in the absence of the priest performed two baptisms. All which is respectfully submitted.

E. STEELE PEAKE.

### St. Olof's Parish, Ashippun, Dodge Co., and Scandinavian Parish, Pine Lake, Waukesha Co.

Families, St. Olof's 66, Scandinavian 6, total 72; Individuals, 18; Communicants, died 1, removed 16, added 25, total 95; Baptisms, infants 12; Confirmed, 23; Marriages, 2; Burials, infants 2, adults 1, total 3; Sunday School Teachers, 1; scholars, 25; Library, 100 vols.; Offerings, \$12.00, which have been devoted to church purposes.

I have performed divine service at St. Olof's Parish at stated times every three or four weeks, and on those Sundays when I have not been present, my father has had lay reading in the morning and Sunday School in the afternoon. The parish at Pine Lake, where there now are but a few families and very little interest shown, I have visited as often as I have thought it necessary.

I would add, that in Mayville, Dodge Co., where I reside, a parish has been organized, and a house secured, of which one story has been fitted up for divine worship, and another story as a dwelling for me and family. I have celebrated divine service and preached almost twice every Sunday, except on those Sundays when I have appointments at the Norwegian stations, and the services have been well attended.

Communicants, 9; Baptisms, infants, 3; Marriages, day School Scholars, 16.

In Horicon, Dodge Co., I have, since January last, read divine service and preached once a month, on evenings. I have there administered the sacrament of Baptism to one adult and one infant.

In Hartford, Washington County, I preached twice a week, once on a week day and once on a Sunday; baptized 4 infants, and administered the Holy Communion to eight communicants.

M. T. SOREN

#### St. James' Church, Manitowoc—Vacant.

The subjoined is a statistical report of the Parish for the year :

Baptisms—Adult, 3—children 11, total 14; Confirmations, 17; Marriages, 3; Burials, adults 2—1, total 3; Sunday School Teachers, 8; Sunday School Scholars, 40; Sunday School Library, No. of Vols., 300; Library, 137.

On the 23d day of June, 1851, the Rev. Geo. P. commenced his ministerial services in this Parish, which the wardens are not aware that any report had been made to the Annual Convention. His resignation took effect on the 9th of June, 1853, making the term of his connection with the Parish, 1 year and 9 months, during which he was absent seven months, at three different intervals on his friends, and to solicit assistance for building a church edifice.

A comfortable and commodious house of worship was completed and consecrated on the 25th of July, 1851, by the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop of the Wisconsin diocese.

Since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Schetky there have been no church services, and at the present time the Parish is suffering greatly for the want of a pastor.

RICHARD STEELE, Senior Warden.

CHARLES W. FITCH, Junior Warden.

P. S.—It is proper for the Wardens to add that a number of persons formerly of the church of England, and from remote parts of the county, have occasionally communicated in this Church.

St. James' Church, Manitowoc, March 9, 1862—Rev. Geo. P. Schatky, Rector and Missionary.

My health requiring that I should seek in a milder climate, a field in which I might continue to be useful in the work of my ministry, I have, therefore, resigned my charge of this Parish, and have accepted a call to the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Louisville.

**Baptisms**—Admits, 9—Infants, (3 at Stations, 12 in the Parishes) 15—total, 18; Confirmed, 6; Communicants—in the Parish—previous number 13, added 19, removed 4, present number, 28, at stations, 24—total number, 52; **Marriages**, 8; **Burials**, 1; **Sunday School Teachers**, 2; Pupils about 50; **Library**, 350 Vols.; **Parish Library**, 137 Vols.; **Offerings of the Parish appropriated as follows**:—Episcopal Fund, \$3.68; **Convention Fund**, \$3; **Nashotah Mission**, \$1.05; **Minnesota Mission**, \$1.05; **Parochial purposes**, \$27.71.—Total to date, \$36.59.

Our little church, which for chasteness and beauty of style, and skill of the builders, has received from many quarters the meed of commendation, was consecrated to the service and worship of Almighty God, on the Festival of St. James, being also the seventh Sunday after Trinity, and this, by the divine blessing, without the incubus of debt. On the following day, my admission to the Priesthood took place, since which time, (with the exception of absence through the month of August and one Sunday since, on account of sickness,) I have officiated and preached regularly. The Holy Eucharist has been administered 11 times, besides once in private to a sick communicant, and once at a station. The attendance upon our services, both in the Parish Church, and at the station, has been good, and many persons have become much interested in the church and her holy ways. In accordance with medical and other advice, my labors, since July last, have been almost entirely confined to the Parish. Nineteen persons are now preparing to ratify and renew their Baptismal vows and promises in the Apostolic rite of Confirmation.

Among the several points of interest in this section of the Diocese, are the villages of Two Rivers and Robinson's settlement, in both of which places, under the Divine blessing we may hope to see ere long, a little sanctuary erected to the glory and worship of the Lord of Hosts.

The dews of Divine grace, we fervently trust are descending upon the good seed of the word and Church of God, sown in this wilderness. May He bless it richly in an increase of many souls unto His Heavenly kingdom.

**Trinity Parish, Mineral Point.**

Marriages, 3; Baptisms, adults 3, infants 15, total 18; Funerals; 7; Communicants, added 5, died 2, removed 1, present number, 32; Sunday School Teachers, 11; Scholars, 80; No. of Families in the Parish, 30; Contributions for Domestic Missions, \$6.70; Other collections for church purposes, \$49.94; Total collected in church, \$56.64.

**J. PHELPS, Rector.**

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**Grace Church, Madison.—Rev. Hugh M. Thompson, B. D.**

Baptisms, infants 8, adults 3, total 11; Confirmed, 10; Marriages, 4; Buried, 6; Communicants, about 40.

This report covers the time from the first Sunday after Trinity, 1852, to present meeting of the Convention. Several services have been held at Pheasant Branch.

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\* Appointed by the Bishop to fill the place of Dr. Adams, declined.

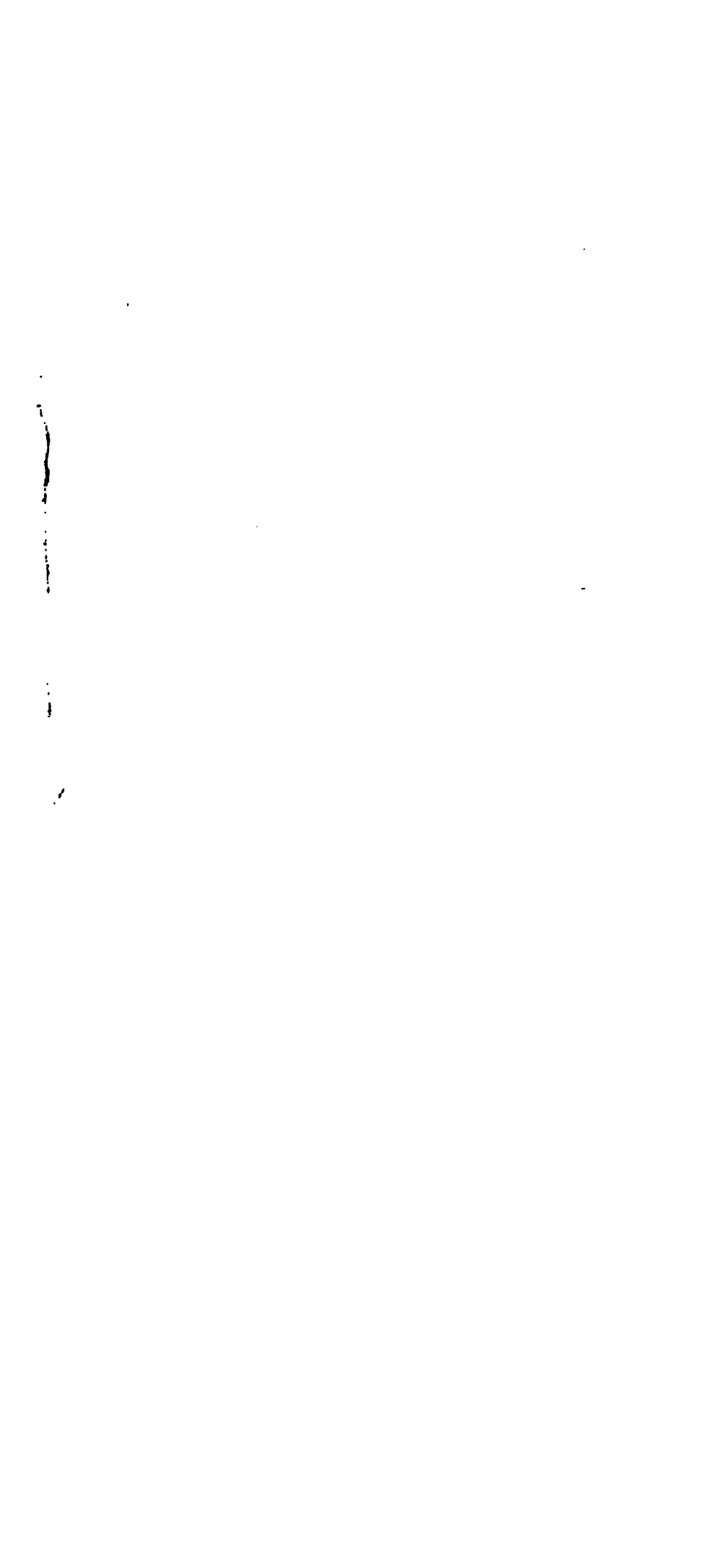
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**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,**

**JUNE 14, A. D. 1854.**

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**THE RT. REV. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D.,** Bishop in charge of the Diocese; P. O. Delafield.

**REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D.,** Professor of Systematic Theology at Nashotah; P. O. Delafield.

**REV. WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG,** Rector of St. Alban's, Lisbon; P. O. Sussex, Waukesha Co.

**REV. W. W. ARNETT, D. D.,** Rector of St. Paul's, Milwaukee.

**REV. GEORGE R. BARTLETT,** Missionary at Marquette and Green Lake.

**REV. HIRAM N. BISHOP,** Rector of St. Matthew's, Kenosha.

**REV. L. D. BRAINARD,** Deacon.\* †

**REV. SAMUEL G. CALLAHAN,** residing at Oshkosh.\*

**REV. AZEL D. COLE, D. D.,** President of Nashotah Theol. Seminary, and Rector of St. Sylvanus' Parish; P. O. Delafield.

**REV. L. WILSON DAVIS,** Rector of Grace Church, Sheboygan.

**REV. C. C. EDMUNDS,** Deacon.\*

**REV. EDWARD A. GOODNOUGH,** Rector of Hobart Church, Duck Creek.

**REV. THOMAS GREENE,** Rector of the Church of the Intercession, Stevens' Point.

**REV. WILLIAM HOMMANN,** Rector of Christ Church, Green Bay.

**REV. MELANCTHON HOYT,** Rector of St. Paul's, Watertown.

**REV. LEONARD R. HUMPHREY,** Rector of St. Luke's, Whitewater.

**REV. J. P. T. INGRAHAM,** Rector of St. James', Milwaukee.

**REV. DAVID KEENE,** Rector of St. John's, Milwaukee.

**REV. LEWIS A. KEMPER,** Deacon, Tutor at Nashotah; P. O. Delafield.

**REV. WILLIAM MARKOE,** Delafield.

## LIST OF THE CLERGY.

REV. STEPHEN C. MILLETT, Itinerant Missionary; residence, Beloit.  
 REV. P. BROWNE MORRISON, Deacon.\*  
 REV. JOSEPH H. NICHOLS, Rector of St. Luke's Racine.  
 REV. ROSWELL PARK, D. D., President of Racine College.  
 REV. E. STEELE PEAKE, Tutor at Nashotah, and Rector of Zion Church,  
 Oconomowoc; P. O. Delafield.  
 REV. G. E. PETERS, Missionary at Elkhorn and Delavan.  
 REV. JOSIAH PHELPS, Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.  
 REV. THOMAS J. RUGER, Rector of Trinity Church, Janesville.  
 REV. HENRY C. SHAW, Deacon.\*  
 REV. MARTIN F. SORENSEN.\*  
 REV. CHARLES B. STOUT, Rector of St. Matthias', Waukesha.  
 REV. JOSIAH SWEET, officiating at Fond du Lac.  
 REV. H. M. THOMPSON, officiating at Maysville, Kentucky.\*  
 REV. GEORGE THOMPSON, Rector of St. James', Manitowoc.  
 REV. EBENEZER WILLIAMS, Montfort, Grant Co.\*

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REV. HENRY P. POWERS, Rector elect of Grace Church, Madison.  
 REV. DAVID W. TOLFORD, of Virginia, officiating at Oshkosh.

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Total number of Clergy belonging to the Diocese, - - - 35

\* The names marked with an asterisk, are of those not entitled to seats in Convention.

† Since transferred to New Jersey.

# LIST OF ORGANIZED PARISHES

IN THE

## DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,

WITH THEIR DEPUTIES TO THE CONVENTION,

JUNE 14, A. D. 1854.

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ST. OLOF'S CHURCH, *Ashippun*, None.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, *Beloit*, None.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, *Bloomfield*, None.

GRACE CHURCH, *Dartford*, None.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, *Delafield*, None.

CHRIST CHURCH, *Delavan*, None.

HOBART CHURCH, *Duck Creek*, Ononkwatko, (Great Medicine,) and Hakenhaktah, (Spring of the Year.)

ST. JOHN'S, *Elkhorn*, None.

ST. PAUL'S, *Fond du Lac*, Robert Flint.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, *Geneva*, None.

CHRIST CHURCH, *Green Bay*, None.

CHRIST CHURCH, *Green Lake*, None.

TRINITY CHURCH, *Janesville*, J. B. Doe, J. J. R. Pease,\* and George S. Dodge.

ST. MATTHEW'S, *Kenosha*, F. A. Marshall, B. C. Adams, and Josiah Bond.

ST. ALBAN'S, *Lisbon*, William Weaver,\* James Stone,\* and Thomas Weaver.\*

GRACE CHURCH, *Madison*, None.

ST. JAMES', *Manitowoc*, None.

ST. PAUL'S, *Milwaukee*, Dr. Benjamin McVickar, Cyrus Hawley, Hans Crocker, and Ebenezer C. Arnold.

ST. JOHN'S, *Milwaukee*, Lindsey Ward, C. A. Place, Joseph Richard, and D. C. Reed.

ST. JAMES', *Milwaukee*, C. Comstock,\* F. Randall, and Dr. J. B. Selby.

## LIST OF ORGANIZED PARISHES.

TRINITY CHURCH, *Mineral Point*, Hon. S. Crawford, R. D. Pulfor  
R. S. Schuyler, and J. E. Messmore.

St. SYLVANUS', *Nashotah*, T. C. Dousman, William Cox, George  
Goldsbury, and S. I. Hayward.\*

ZION CHURCH, *Oconomowoc*, Dr. Wm. H. Warner, John S. Rockwe  
and Samuel Dodge.

TRINITY CHURCH, *Oshkosh*, None.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, *Ozaukee*, None.

SCANDINAVIAN CHURCH, *Pine Lake*, None.

St. LUKE'S, *Racine*, Eliphalet Cram, and Peyton R. Morgan.

GRACE CHURCH, *Sheboygan*, W. W. King,\* Andrew Higbee,\* H.  
Conklin,\* and J. M. Shafter.\*

CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSION, *Stevens' Point*, C. B. Jackson.

St. PAUL'S, *Watertown*, A. L. Pritchard.

St. MATHIAS', *Waukesha*, S. S. Case, George Hatch,\* S. Eales,\*  
R. N. Kimball.

St. LUKE'S, *Whitewater*, None.

Total number of Organized Parishes, - - - - - 37

The Deputies whose names are marked with an asterisk, were absent from the Convention.

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE, *Wednesday, June 14, 1854.*

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the eighth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and the Clergy and Laity having duly assembled; Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Sorensen and Rev. Mr. Davis of Sheboygan; the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Arnett of Milwaukee, from 1 Cor. iv: 1-2; and the Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., assisted by the officiating Clergymen.

The Convention was then called to-order, by the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop in charge of the Diocese; and the List of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, having been called by the Secretary of the last Convention, the following answered to their names:

Rev. Messrs. Adams, Armstrong, Arnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Cole, Davis, Goodnough, Greene, Humphrey, Ingraham, Keene, Kemper, Markoe, Millett, Nichols, Park, Peake, Peters, Phelps, Sweet, and Thompson.

The Lay Deputies, being called upon, then presented their Certificates, and the List having been called, the following were found to be present:

Ononkwatko (or Great Medicine,) Hakenhaktah (or Spring of the Year,) R. Flint, J. B. Doe, G. S. Dodge, F. A. Marshall, B. C. Adams, B. McVickar, C. Hawley, H. Crocker, E. C. Arnold, L. Ward, C. A. Place, J. Richard, D. C. Reed, F. Randall, S. Crawford, R. D. Pulford, R. S. Schuyler, J. E. Messimore, T. C. Dousman, G. S. Goldsbury, W. Cox, W. H. Warner, J. S. Rockwell, S. Dodge, E. Cram, P. R. Morgan, A. L. Pritchard, S. S. Case, and R. N. Kimball.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Park was appointed Secretary of this Convention; and on his nomination Rev. Dr. Cole was subsequently appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, which was listened to with deep interest;—as follows:



DEAR BRETHREN :

The past year has been a very busy one with me. During a large portion of my time I was absent from the Diocese; for in addition to two journeys to Iowa, and as many to Minnesota, I was about ten weeks at the East, attending a meeting of the Bishops, and afterwards the General Convention, and laboring as circumstances permitted for the sacred cause of Missions. Yet I am happy to state that owing to the increasing facilities of traveling, in consequence of plank and railroads, which you are well aware are multiplying rapidly throughout the State, I have been enabled since we last met, not only to visit almost every parish and promising station in the Diocese, but to devote a Sunday to a large portion of each of them. Our prospects in most respects are encouraging; and when we look back for a few years, and then contemplate the field now ripe before us, we have, I am convinced, abundant cause to thank God and take courage.

Four candidates have been added to the list of those who are ready after due preparation to devote themselves to the ministry of reconciliation: one has withdrawn his name, and four have been admitted to the Diaconate. At present we have six candidates for holy orders, namely: Samuel Josiah Hayward, Eugene C. Pattison, John H. Egar, William D. Christian, Luther Gregory and Henry M. Thompson.

Two clergymen have left us: the Rev. John A. Bowman, deacon, has been transferred to Illinois, and the highly respected and much beloved presbyter, the Rev. Benjamin Akerly, to New York.

The Rev. Hiram N. Bishop has been received from the Diocese of Ohio and is doing a good work at Kenosha. The Rev. George Thompson and the Rev. Charles B. Stout have come from the same Diocese, and are settled the one at Manitowoc and the other at Waukesha.

With divine assistance I have held four ordinations, at which the Rev. E. Steele Peake, tutor at Nashotah, and now in addition rector of Zion Church, Oconomowoc; the Rev. Thomas Greene, Missionary at Stevens' Point; the Rev. G. E. Peters, Missionary at Elkhorn and Delavan, and the Rev. Edward A. Goodnough, Missionary to the Oneidas, were admitted to the holy order of the priesthood; and Messrs. Leverett Denison Brainard, Henry Clay Shaw, Charles Carroll Edmonds, and Peter Browne Morrison, were ordained to the Diaconate.

During the course of my visits I have baptized three adults and eleven children, confirmed one hundred and fourteen persons, and married three couple. On invitation of their ministers I have visited the Sunday Schools at Kenosha, Mineral Point, Green Bay, and Sheboygan.

All the baptisms will be inserted in the parochial reports of the clergy excepting those of two infants.

Two churches have been consecrated, to the worship of Almighty God, namely, St. John's Church, Milwaukee, and the Church of the Intercession at Stevens' Point.

Of the one hundred and fourteen persons who took upon themselves the vows of Baptism, and sought in the ordinance of Confirmation for

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red influences of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, nine belonged parish of St. James', Milwaukee; two to Stevens' point; eleven to Kenosha; six to Whitewater; four to Watertown; eight to Mineral Point; sixteen to St. Paul's, Milwaukee; nine to Janesville; one to Prairie, four to Elkhorn; one to Green Bay; three to Sheboygan; twelve to Lisbon; fifteen to Racine; five to St. Sylvanus' parish, meeting at Nashotah chapel—five were Oneidas, and three students Nashotah.

In addition to the above named places, I have visited Waukesha, Appleton, Lancaster, Delafield, Madison, Willow River, (now Hudsonville, the St. Croix,) St. John's in Milwaukee, Waupaca, Oconomowoc, Olof's, Beloit, Geneva, Delavan, Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, and Plymouth.

Parochial, and other reports of the Clergy, will afford you the most satisfactory statements of the present condition of the Diocese. The three parishes of Milwaukee, with those of Kenosha, Janesville, Mineral Point, Whitewater, and Lisbon, are evidently increasing in strength and influence. Not one of you I trust will leave this city without visiting St. John's Church, for it is a beautiful model of simplicity, and true architectural taste, and the result of lifelong efforts of our excellent brother, the devoted rector. The churches at Sheboygan, Green Bay, Watertown, Fond du Lac, and Oconomowoc, have encouraging prospects before them, and will soon be in full trust, among our most substantial churches. Beloit, to my regret, continues vacant, but I am assured that it, and likewise Genoa, which Bloom Prairie is to be connected, will soon be supplied by the efforts of our excellent brother, the devoted rector. The city of Portage has in a measure enjoyed the privilege of public worship through the instrumentality of the Rev. Mr. Powers, who is now connected with the Diocese.\* From the rapid growth of that city, and the zeal and resources of not a few of its inhabitants, they are in expectation of hearing that such a church is to be erected there to do honor to our Capital, and afford convenient accommodation for the growing congregation. Portage City, as far as I can learn, is yet unsettled, although several efforts have been made by the vestry to secure a clergyman. This important place has frequently been visited especially by our itinerant Missionary. The rapidly growing city of Oshkosh, over whose destitution of the services of our Church we have mourned for years, is now to be supplied by a clergyman who has recently come into the State highly recommended, but who has not yet been transferred to my jurisdiction—the Rev. D. W. Telford.

Stations are opening to our view and efforts, although many of those I have formerly mentioned, and some of them of no little importance, still continue vacant. I have been urged to send missionaries to New Diggings, Appleton, Berlin, Two Rivers, Prairie la Poudre, a, Prairie du Chien, Platteville, Lancaster, Port Washington, a, Jefferson, Plymouth, Rosendale, Clarence, &c. and I trust and

presented his transfer before the Convention adjourned.

believe the day is not far distant when we can supply these and our villages, which are rising up in our attractive and healthy State. With the generous help of kind friends at the East, we are training under our own eyes, and by Professors well known to you all for their sound Church principles, zeal and self-denial, a body of men peculiarly calculated for our new States and Territories, and the frontier country. Let us rally around Nashotah with warm and generous hearts and it will become not only a bulwark against the absurd claims of idolatrous worship of Rome, and a standing protest against the unevangelical and self-righteous tendencies of many who call themselves Christians, but it will be looked upon as the school of the prophets which the North-west, with the neighboring Dioceses, may resort to as able ministers of the New Testament.

If extensive learning, unabated efforts, and the uniform exemplification of all the graces which adorn the christian gentleman can excite the interest and secure the patronage of our fellow-citizens, Racine College, under the government of the Rev. Dr. Roswell Park, will come permanently established, highly flourishing and extensively useful. To the female school mentioned in my last address, and which exists in this city under the direction of Miss Kissam, I have now the pleasure of adding that of St. Mary's Hall, at Janesville, which is conducted by ladies of whose ability and true christian principles I am in the highest opinion.\* At either Institution your daughters can be well educated under the happiest influences.

The changes among the Clergy, I am enabled with much gratification to say, have not been as great as in former years.

The Rev. Edward A. Goodnough, after officiating acceptably for some months at Portage City, offered to supply the vacancy which had so long existed at Duck Creek. Knowing his worth and attainments, and the simplicity and earnestness of his character, I most cheerfully embraced the opportunity of nominating him to the Domestic Committee, who readily appointed him Missionary to the Oneida. In a letter lately received from him he writes, "The Church is in a flourishing state at present: we hope with some aid to paint our building, and to add to it a Chancel and Vestry-room this season." His statistics, however, show how much such a congregation suffers from being month after month without pastoral aid. Let us pray that our brother may be sustained and blessed in this his new sphere of action and that his arduous and self-denying labours will be richly rewarded by an increasing congregation of true Christian Indians.

The Rev. Thomas Greeue, after officiating for some time at Grex Lake and its neighborhood, accepted an earnest invitation which was pressed upon him, and removed to Stevens' Point, where he ministers in the Pinery amidst many encouraging circumstances. Here, as we have already mentioned, I consecrated, on the 11th of last December being the third Sunday in advent, the Church of the Intercession, &

\* Mrs. Deyo, and Miss Jones.

the erection of which we are indebted to A. G. Ellis, Esq., whose friendship I have enjoyed from almost the commencement of my ministry, and whose attachment to the doctrines of the Church has never wavered. Led by the events of Providence from Green Bay, scarcely more than two years since, he realized in their full force his responsibilities as a Christian and the head of a family, and commenced without delay the offices of catechist and lay-reader. The result is a neat and commodious Church, finished, out of debt and consecrated, possessing an organ and bell, and enjoying the undivided attention of a zealous Missionary. May this noble instance provoke many who now hear me, and all other Churchmen who are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the Diocese, to similar efforts for the glory of God and the eternal welfare of our fellow beings! Then indeed, this magnificent country, being well supplied with Churches, will blossom as the rose.

I deeply regret to state that in consequence of ill health, the Rev. W. Markoe has been compelled to suspend his labours and resign his parish.

The Rev. Mr. Millett continues to act as an itinerant, with a fair prospect, I trust, of improved health.

A good work has been accomplished at Janesville; for the debt of the Church is entirely paid. I have not yet heard of the organization of the new parish that was once in contemplation, and for which some funds were obtained.

The first effort, dear brethren, is to make your parishes self-supporting. The aid kindly granted us by the Domestic Committee ought never to be expected beyond five years; if continued a longer time, you debar the new stations from obtaining the same encouragement which was of such essential service at your first organization. Cannot several of the congregations of the Diocese make such noble efforts between this period and next October, as to enable me to appropriate the missionary salaries which they have been receiving for several years past, to new stations?

The prospect of supplying in future the Scandinavians, who, at an early day solicited our aid and protection, and for whom so much has been done, is very unpromising. But as I still encourage a hope that some of them will remain firm in their attachment to the Church, and that a man of God may yet be obtained to break to them the bread of life according to our doctrines and worship, I shall say no more at present.

Reports of the most favorable kind have reached us, that the mission of the Rev. Mr. Stout has been so successful that the beautiful edifice at Waukesha will be finished, and its debts removed. This is indeed delightful intelligence; and I pray that every expectation may be realized. If the anxiety, mortification and lifelessness, produced by the almost hopeless condition of that parish, with its heavy incumbrances, could be realized by those who are about erecting Churches, they would never begin without counting the cost and having the means in

their possession. Splendid churches ought not to be aimed at or even wished for by early settlers. Let the next generation adorn the house of God. Be it our object to leave plain buildings filled with faithful worshippers, and a sufficient quantity of land for all the purposes connected with our holy religion. Is it not advisable to appoint a committee to secure throughout the State lots for Churches, cemeteries, and parsonages, and likewise for glebes and educational purposes?

I close with soliciting your early and very earnest attention to the state of our Diocesan Missionary funds, which are now exhausted, and upon which, under God, a vast deal of our success and prosperity may depend. Hitherto they have chiefly been supplied by donations obtained by myself from the East. You are now able, and I hope you will from henceforth consider it your privilege and delight to pour into that treasury of the Lord your free-will offerings. Its importance, and indeed its necessity, will appear from the following statement: The appropriations of the Domestic Committee to this and other Dioceses are made each year in October, and the money is speedily divided among the feeble stations. So many are the claims with us, that for several years past I have never been enabled to assign more than \$150 per annum to each Missionary. But what can be done after October for the new parishes which are coming into existence, and for the Clergy who are disposed to join us? They must wait nearly a year, or look to other sources. The difficulty is peculiarly trying with respect to those who have been educated among us, in whose piety and soundness in the faith I have perfect confidence, but for whom I can obtain no aid from the appropriation of the Domestic Committee, which has been, months before their ordination that takes place on Trinity Sunday, assigned to those clergymen who are already in the field. Had I our own Diocesan fund to resort to, they might at once be sent to the most important stations that are vacant. But in consequence of the low state of our own resources, several of our most promising deacons, trained and educated at Nashotah, have been lost to us at a time when they were exceedingly wanted. Shall this state of things continue any longer? Will you not rally, rally at once, and determine with God's assistance, that—while we have so much land to be possessed—all those who are anxious, or even disposed to remain among us, and be the happy instruments of proclaiming the glad tidings of the gospel in our destitute villages and farming districts, shall be properly encouraged and sustained?

May your deliberations be guided by infinite wisdom; and may the peace and unity which have so long existed among us still continue, to the glory of Almighty God, and the edification of his Church.

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A resolution was then offered by Hon. S. Crawford, to the effect that this Convention proceed to the election of a Diocesan Bishop: pending the discussion of which, on motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and, on motion of Hon. S. Crawford it was

*Resolved*, That we now proceed to elect a Bishop for this Diocese, according to the Canons of the Church.

Whereupon, after a brief interval of silent prayer, the clergy retired to the Vestry room, and having organized by electing Rev. Dr. Arnett, as chairman, they soon returned to the Convention, and reported through Rev. Dr. Cole, one of the Tellers, that twenty-one votes had been cast, and that they were unanimously for the election of the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., to be Bishop of the Diocese. This nomination was unanimously confirmed by the Lay Deputies, voting by parishes, having retired for that purpose, as reported by their Teller, Hon. S. Crawford; fourteen parishes voting. The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., was accordingly declared to be duly elected Bishop of this Diocese. This election was accepted by the Bishop, in a brief, but suitable and affectionate address.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order, adopted by the Convention of 1948, be adopted for the government of this Convention.

The following Canonical Committees were then appointed by the Bishop:

*On the Admission of Parishes*, Rev. Mr. Peake, Mr. Dousman, and Mr. Hawley.

*On Diocesan Missions*, Rev. Mr. Nichols, Rev. Mr. Keene, and Rev. Mr. Bishop.

*On Finance*, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Doe.

*On Elections*, Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Rev. Mr. Davis, and Mr. Arnold.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church from other Dioceses, now visiting this place, be invited to honorary seats in this Convention.

The Reports of the Treasurers of the Episcopal Fund, the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and the Convention Fund, were received and referred to the Committee on Finance. (See the Appendix.)

The Parochial reports having been duly presented, were read at intervals during the proceedings of the day.

Applications were received from new Parishes at Stevens' Point and Oakosh, to be admitted into union with this Convention, and were referred to the committee on the Admission of Parishes.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Rev. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Arnold, were appointed to act as Tellers; and the following gentlemen were duly elected: Rev. Dr. Arnett, Rev. Messrs. Keene, Ingraham, and Nichols; Drs. McVickar and Selby, and Messrs. Hawley and Arnold.

On motion, it was *Resolved* That we dispense with the election of Deputies to General Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Keene, it was *Resolved*, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the securing of Glebe land, to Churches, &c. is worthy of our immediate attention; and that a committee be appointed to take the matter into consideration, and report to this Convention.

The Committee appointed under this resolution were Mr. Cox, and Mr. Dousman.

The Finance Committee reported on the different Treasurer's reports submitted to them; and, on motion, the report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Henry P. Powers, Rector elect of Grace Church, Milwaukee, presented his letters dimissory to the Bishop, and took his seat in Convention.

The Annual Report of the Standing Committee was read by Selby. (See the Appendix.)

Mr. Ferguson was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund; and Mr. Arnold was re-elected Treasurer of the Convention Fund.

The report of the Committee on Diocesan Missions was read by Rev. Mr. Nichols, the chairman. (See the Appendix.)

The amendment to the Constitution of the Diocese, proposed at last Convention, was considered and negatived.

On motion, a committee consisting of Rev. Mr. Ingraham, Rev. Mr. Arnett, and Mr. Schuyler, was appointed to consider what further action is necessary to complete the election of our Diocesan: who reported that according to Section 2, of Canon III, of 1841, the Standing Committee of the Diocese is to make the Certificate of election.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, that the expenses incurred by the election of the Diocesan Bishop, be defrayed by the Standing Committee from the Convention fund.

The Committee on the Admission of Parishes reported in favor of admitting the Church of the Intercession at Stevens' Point, and the Holy Trinity Church, at Oshkosh, into union with this Convention; and they were accordingly admitted. Mr. C. B. Jackson appeared as a delegate from the former parish, and took his seat in Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held at Mineral Point.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the Journals of this Convention be printed, for distribution and for preservation; and that the Conservator cause two complete sets of the Journals of this Convention to be bound, one for the use of the President, and one for the use of the Secretary for the time being.

On motion of Mr. Randall, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention appreciate the importance of Racine College to the cause of Christian education, and commend it to the patronage of the Church in this case.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

**EVENING SESSION.**

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and the reading of special Reports was completed by the Bishop.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Secretary cause the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese to be reprinted with the Journal of Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be rendered to the Churches in this city for their kind hospitality, and to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, for the use of the sacred edifice.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention do now adjourn, after the usual devotions. The Gloria in Excelsis was then sung; and uniting with the Bishop in prayer, and having received his Benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

ROSWELL PARK, *Secretary*.

WILLIAM D. COLLE, *Ass't Sec'y*.



## APPENDIX.

### Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee of this Diocese beg leave to report as follows :

That they held their first meeting after the last Convention 26th of August, 1853, and organized by electing Dr. Arnet President of the Committee, and J. B. Selby, Jr. Secretary.

During the course of the year there have been seven meetings of the Committee, at which the testimonials of the following gentlemen were passed upon, as follows :

John H. Egar, William D. Christian, Luther Gregory, and M. Thompson, were recommended as Candidates for Holy Orders.

Charles Carroll Edmunds, Henry C. Shaw, Peter Brown and Leverett Denison Brainard, were recommended to the Diaconate : and

Rev. Messrs. Thomas Greene, E. Steele Peake, Edward H. Knapp, and James H. Shupson, for Minnesota, were recommended to the Holy order of Priests.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. SELBY, Jr.

### Report of the Committee on Diocesan Missions

The Committee on Diocesan Missions beg leave to report that they are happy to announce that there is a growing interest in this important subject both among our clergy and laity. We trust that the interest is destined to become deeper and deeper ; especially by the unanimous vote of the present Convention, this Diocese has elected its head a permanent Bishop of its own, who will thus be enabled and encouraged to devote more time than ever to his peculiar jurisdiction by his more frequent visits to ascertain the destitute places of our country and to call forth more of the latent wealth and resources of the land for supplying remote settlements with faithful ministers of the Gospel.

We trust, too, that a more vigorous impulse will be given to our Missionary effort by the action of the Convocation of the clergy appointed by the Bishop, and held at this present time. It was on this occasion resolved that the Diocese of Wisconsin be apportioned into several geographical districts, in each of which the clergy below the rank of Bishop should meet successively at appointed periods, and hold services for the purpose of building up the church in their own country, and in calling forth more devoted labors, and more munificence from all who call themselves christians.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. NICHOLS,  
DAVID KEENE,  
H. N. BISHOP,  
BENJAMIN McVICKAR,  
WILLIAM S. COX.

**Treasurers' Reports.****EPISCOPAL FUND.**

*Diocese of Wisconsin, in account with Henry J. Ullman, Treasurer of Board of Trustees, &c.*

- 1853—May 2, By balance as per account rendered, 45,99; June 21, by contribution, Grace Church, Sheboygan, 3,25; June 22, by remittance from Emmons & Van Dyke, Helfenstein claim, 175; July 1, do. do. 353,88; Sept. 12, do. do. 291,30; Nov. 12, by Bishop Kemper, remittance from Philo White, 20,00.
- 1854—Jan'y 2, by Christmas offering, St. Luke's Church, Racine, 6,71; Jan'y 3, Christmas offering, Christ Church, Green Bay, 4,75; Jan'y 10, Christmas offering, St. John's Chrysostom, Delafield, 2,29; April 17, St. Luke's Church, Racine, 5,25; April 21, Christ Church, Green Bay, 5,00; May 9, St. Sylvanus' Parish, collection, Nashotah Lakes, 18,86; June 14, St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, 11,00; Total, 943,28.
- 1853—Dr.—Oct. 13, To cash paid on Marshall M. Strong's check, as one of the Trustees of Board for loan made, \$700; Dec. 7, do. do. do. \$169. Balance on hand June 13th, 1854, 74,28; Total, \$943,28.

**DIOCESAN MISSIONS.**

*Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1853-4.*

- RECEIPTS—1853—June 7, balance per last report \$263,91; June 9, St. Luke's Church, Racine, 9,60; June 20, Trinity Church, Janesville, 5,00; June 25, St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, 26,62; August 26, Grace Church, Madison, 5,37; Sept. 10, Christ Church, Green Bay, 2,00; Dec. 23, St. Sylvanus' Church, 5,00; Dec. 28, St. James' Church, Milwaukee, 8,00. 1854—January 10, St. Luke's Church, Whitewater, 9,20; January 28, St. Alban's Church, Lisbon, 3,00; Jan. 30, Christ Church, Green Bay, 8,84; St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha, 2,00; March 9, Church at Manitowoc, 6,00; April 6, St. John's Church, Milwaukee, 8,63; April 11, Rev. H. E. Montgomery, 25,00; Bishop Kemper and Dr. Arnett, 25,00; April 12, Christ Church, Green Bay, 2,00; April 19, St. Paul's Milwaukee, 31,16; May 11, St. Sylvanus' Church, 5,00; Total, \$451,33. 1854—June 14, Balance in Treasury, 1,33.
- DISBURSEMENTS—1853—July 8, Rev. D. Keene, \$50,00; Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, 50,00; Rev. W. C. Armstrong, 31,25; Nov. 9, Rev. W. C. Armstrong, 31,25; Nov. 15, Rev. D. Keene, 50,00; Nov. 17, Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, 25,00. 1854—Jan. 11, Rev. W. C. Armstrong, 31,25; Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, 25,00; Rev. D. Keene, 50,00; April 5, Rev. W. C. Armstrong, 31,25; April 11, Rev. D. Keene, 50,00; Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, 25,00. June 14, Balance 1,33. Total \$451,33.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. FERGUSON, *Treasurer.*

## CONVENTION FUND.

The Treasurer of the Convention respectfully reports: That he has received from F. Randall, Esq., late Treasurer, 52,94; from Parishes and individuals, 183,28; viz: Grace Church, Sheboygan, \$2,28; Trinity, Janesville, 10,00; St. Luke's, Whitewater, 2,00; St. Luke's, Racine, 9,00; Rev. W. C. Armstrong, 1,00; Rev. George R. Bartlett, 1,00; Rev. R. Park, D. D. 10,00; St. George's, North Prairie, 25,00; St. Luke's Racine, 10,00; St. Matthew's, Kenosha, 20,00; Trinity, Janesville, 25,00; Rev. W. Adams, D. D. 3,00; St. Paul's, Milwaukee, 40,00; St. John's, Milwaukee, 25,00; Total \$236,22.

He has disbursed in behalf of the Convention, within the last year, as follows, viz: To R. King & Co. per voucher A. \$135,82; Milwaukee Post Office, per voucher B, 2,80; General Convention, quota, per voucher C. 28,00; Arnold & Wilson, per voucher D. 1,57; American Express Co., per voucher E. 4,75. Total 172,94; leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$63,28.

There are embraced in the receipts the payments already received, amounting to \$160, on a subscription for incidental expenses, made during the sitting of the last Diocesan Convention.

E. C. ARNOLD, *Treasurer, &c.*

## PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS.

REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D., S. T. P.

Report that during the last Conventional Year, I have attended to Professor of Systematic Theology to the satisfaction of the have also performed services regularly every Sunday, and also divine services in the way of baptism, etc., which are duly re-books of the congregations wherein they were performed.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, LISBON,

*Rev. Wm. C. Armstrong, Rector.*

to submit the following statistical report of St. Alban's Parish: It 1, Infant, 18; Marriages, 6; Burials, 5; Communicants added, 3; Present number, 63; Offerings to Diocesan Fund, \$3.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE,

*Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D., Rector.*

Infants 14, Adults 8, Total 22; Confirmations, 16; Marriages, 4; Offerings at the Holy Communion \$159.03, Foreign Missions \$54.60, Missions \$47.75, Diocesan Missions \$30.00, Episcopal Fund \$11.00, \$150.00, Nashotah \$20.00, Orphan Asylum \$70.00, Christmas John's Church \$108.58.—Total \$650.94.

To the above sums, subscriptions have been made by the members of St. John's Church, to St. James' parsonage, and also for the new Organ, costing \$2000. Our church accommodation has also since my last annual report, by the removal of the vestry room of the church, giving room for fourteen additional slips. The spiritual as well as the material interests of the parish have increased the past year.

TRINITY CHURCH, MARQUETTE,

*Rev. G. R. Bartlett, Rector.*

Deaths, died 1, present number, 7; Baptisms, Infant 2; Burials, 3; Expenses of the parish for Parochial purposes \$10.18; Sunday School Teachers Library 153 vols.

CHRIST CHURCH, GREEN LAKE,

*Rev. G. R. Bartlett, Rector.*

Deaths 11; Offerings of the parish for Parochial purposes \$3.12—from September 17, 1853, up to the present time.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, KENOSHA,

*Rev. H. N. Bishop, Rector.*

These are the statistics for the diocesan year ending June 14, 1854: At 32, adult 2, Confirmed 11; Burials 4; Communicants, increased 15, diminished by removal 4, by death 3, present number 80; Families connected with the congregation 90; Sunday School children attendance 72, whole number at present connected with the average number of teachers 12.

Money raised by subscription or otherwise, for Convention fund \$20;

Books for choir, \$16; Missionary at Waukeesa, \$13; Foreign Missions, \$11 70; Domestic Missions, \$11 71; Sunday School for Domestic Missions, \$5 61; Total for Missions, \$42 02; The Poor, \$20; Sunday School expenses, \$25; Payment of mortgage on church lot, \$200; Painting, underpinning and otherwise repairing church edifice, \$175; Enlarging the church, \$250; Sunday School for enlargement of church, \$5; Payment of an old debt, \$25; Purchase of a gown for vestry room, \$27; A communicant for Racine College, \$10; Support of the Rector, \$900; The Sunday collections, except Communion Sundays, have been appropriated in payment of the Organist, Chorister, Sexton, fuel, lights and other incidental expenses, and have amounted, including some special subscriptions to \$258 42; Total amount of collections for the year, \$1972 44, over \$200 of which has been raised by the Ladies, who are ever forward in good works.

In addition to what is stated above, in regard to the Sunday School, it may be remarked, that from the season of Advent to Easter, the afternoon of every Sunday is devoted to the school, and from Easter to Advent the Sunday School is held from 9 o'clock in the forenoon to a quarter past ten: the School is opened by the Rector. The office of Devotion of the P. E. S. S. Union is used, after which the classes are instructed by their respective teachers, each class having the same lesson. Then the Rector questions the whole school, not only upon that lesson, but also upon some part of the catechism, he making such explanations, as he deems advisable for the elucidation of the subject, and to impress the minds of the children with the great importance of Religious Truth. The present prosperous condition of this department of religious instruction is owing in a great degree, to the zealous and earnest co-operation with the Rector of some *five* Laymen and several Ladies.

In almost every point of view, the past year has been one of much prosperity both to the parish and the city. The attendance at church is most gratifying and encouraging—and the church and congregation are in delightful harmony. Still, it is to be lamented, that so many refrain from a public profession of Christ, whose walk and conversation would seem to indicate that they enjoy the communion of Saints.

The Episcopalians here deserve great credit, for their vigorous and self-denying efforts, not only to free the parish from debt, but also for the timely addition of twenty new pews to the church building, now just completed and half of which were rented on Monday last. The parish also has been most forward in manifesting much kindness and affection, for the family of their Rector, as well as for himself. They have exhibited a constant and cheerful willingness to strengthen his hands and co-operate with and sustain him in his arduous labor.

May He "whose blessing maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it," send us now, much *spiritual* prosperity, and give us the ardor of a living faith and the unction of more devoted piety.

#### NASHOTAH MISSION,

*Rev. A. D. Cole, D. D., President.*

The Annual Term of this Theological School of the North West opened on the 20th of September, 1853, with fifteen candidates for Holy orders, and thirteen young men preparing for candidate-ship. These twenty-eight were further increased during Easter-time by the addition of three more young men, making the number for a time thirty-one.

Five have graduated, and one has been ordained before completing the regular course of study; so that since Trinity Sunday, the ordination day for those graduates in the Diocese of Wisconsin, twenty five remain.

The next term will open (if the Lord will) on October 2d; when a still larger number are confidently expected.

The Candidates for Holy orders are from four different Dioceses.

The Library now numbers about 2,200 volumes.

The Instruction of the past year has been more extensive than any preceding year. The industry and constancy of the Students has been in every way satisfactory. It may not be amiss to add, that this Seminary continues to be

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ministry by the alms and offerings of the Church. It is with sincere gratitude to Him who opens the hearts and the hands of His people, that we can report with joy and thanksgiving that the number of students, still free from emasculation and looking onward with faith and hope.

ST. SYLVANUS' PARISH, NASHOTAH,

*Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D., Rector.*

Baptisms—adults 8, infants 3, Total, 11; Confirmations, 7; Communicants, 80; Sunday School, 1; Children, 20; Teachers, 4.

Church Offerings—to Episcopal Fund, \$18 86; Foreign Missions, \$8 00; Domestic Missions, \$5 00; Diocesan Missions, \$10 00; Sunday School, \$10 84; total, \$52 70.

GRACE CHURCH, SHEBOYGAN,

*Rev. L. W. Davis, Rector.*

Number of families connected with the parish, 27; Present number of Communicants, 24; Baptisms—infants, 13; Persons confirmed, 3; one Marriage; Burial; Sunday School, (Teacher, the Rector); Scholars, 32; Number of books in Sunday School Library, 300.

Offerings, \$18.45, appropriated as follows, viz:—for Episcopal Fund, \$3.25; Convention Fund, 2.00; for Domestic Missions, \$3.88; for Foreign Missions, .3; for Diocesan Missions, 3.00; for Parish Poor and other Parochial uses, 10.

Services, morning and evening, have been held monthly since the beginning of the present year, at Plymouth, where there are eight communicants, and preparations making for erecting a church.

HOBART CHURCH, DUCK CREEK,

*Rev. E. A. Goodnough, Missionary.*

I respectfully report, that, being sent as Missionary to Portage City, I entered upon my duties the first Sunday after Trinity 1853. I remained at Portage City until the 29th of August, when I resigned.

The statistics of St. John Baptist's Church, Portage City, are: Baptisms, infants, 4; Burials, 4; Communicants, 6; Families, 6; Individuals, 30.

On the 9th of October 1853, I began my duty as Missionary to the first Christian party of Oneida Indians, Duck Creek, of which parish the statistics are,—Communicants, infants, 16, adults, 1; Communicants in good standing, 31, who wish to be restored, 5; Burials, 8; Marriages, 3; Confirmed, 5. A number of persons who have been confirmed do not consider themselves communicants. This report dates from October 1853.

I have administered the sacrament of infant baptism once at Green Bay, by request of the Rector of Christ Church, and once in the town of Lind, Waushara County Wisconsin.

CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSION, STEVENS' POINT,

*Rev. Thomas Greene, Rector.*

I entered upon the charge of this parish and held my first service on Sunday November 13, 1853. Since that time regular services have been held in the church, with the exception of an absence at Nashotah, for the purpose of being initiated to the Priesthood, which absence included two Sundays.

Marriages, 2; Baptisms, infants 13, adults, 1; Confirmations, 2; Communicants, 7; Burials, 6.

Missionary services have been held once at Plover Portage, 5 miles east, and once at Little Bull 16, and once at Big Bull falls, 40 miles west from Stevens' Point.

Report of Missionary services performed by me in Marquette County, previous to my coming to the Pinery. I officiated at the following places, viz: At Escanaba 2, at Tichona 1, at Green Lake 5, at Ripon 5, at Berlin 7, at Waukegan 3, and at Dartford 8 times.

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CHRIST CHURCH, GREEN BAY,  
*Rev. W. Hommann, Rector.*

Families connected with the parish, 51; Individuals, 215; Communicants, 2, removed, 1, added, 7, present number, 54; Baptisms, 11 children; Confirmed, 1; Marriages, 4; Burials, 5; Sunday School teachers, 7; scholars, 60; Volumes in the S. S. Library, 200; in the parish library, 109; in the Pastor's library, 26. Offerings of the parish for the Episcopal Fund, \$9 75; Diocesan Missions, \$12 84; Parish poor, \$5 96; Parochial purposes, \$62 42; Foreign Missions, \$7; other general objects of the church, \$5 40.

In addition to the above statistics, it is only due to the young members of his flock, that the Rector should state that the contents of the S. S. Missionary box amounting with some little additions from other sources, to \$3 52, together with the avails of the little Girls working association, mentioned in his last report amounting to \$3 50, making seven dollars in all, were appropriated to the Chipewew Mission in charge of the Rev. Mr. Breck. We hope the children are getting to be and will become more and more interested in all the Missions of the church, both Domestic and Foreign. Eighteen copies of the "Carrier Dove" are taken in the school.

The Ladies of the Congregation are zealously and patiently pursuing their successful labors towards extinguishing the indebtedness for the Parsonage.

The Rector has endeavored, as opportunity afforded and circumstance permitted, to render services at the outposts of his Parish. Among such services rendered, he would allude to some few held at a settlement known as "Lower Duck Creek," four miles distant; where the services of our church are the only worship, save a monthly Romish service, that the people have in their community. We hope to see a Sunday School established there this summer.

The writer is well aware that there is a state of every Parish which no statistics can exhibit, nor any figures estimate. Of this, he would not speak at length, as he cannot do so very encouragingly, and he would not multiply words of discouragement. For whatever is at all encouraging, we would thank God, and beseech Him that He would in His own good time, bless the means of grace dispensed, to the salvation of souls and to the glory of His holy name and that He would be pleased to pour upon both Minister and Congregation the "healthful Spirit of His grace."

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WHITEWATER,

*Rev. L. Ravella Humphrey, Rector.*

"By the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, I have been enabled to officiate in this Parish every Sunday since last Convention, excepting three, two of which I officiated elsewhere.

I have nothing of special interest to communicate. But I think the affection of the community, are being drawn out more and more towards the church. The Congregation has somewhat increased, and I trust the general prosperity of the Parish is still onward. The statistics of the Parish are as follows:

Baptisms, infants 2, adults 1, total 3; Confirmed, 6; Present number of communicants, 34; Marriages, 2; Burials, 2. The Sunday School remains small but, perhaps as prosperous as we can reasonably expect. Offerings of the Parish for its own purposes, \$60; Diocesan Missions, \$9; Domestic Missions, \$8. Total, \$77.

ST. JAMES' PARISH, MILWAUKEE,

*Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Rector.*

Families connected with the Parish, 40; Individuals, 250; Communicants removed 4, present number 38; Baptisms, infants 20, adults 7; Received in the congregation, privately baptised, 1; Confirmed 9; Marriages 3; Burials 1; Sunday School Scholars, 52; Parish Library vols., 150; Offerings for Nashotwago \$5.00, Offerings for Diocesan Missionary fund 8 00, Offerings for other purposes 80.00; total, 93.00.

Within a few weeks a lot and parsonage have been purchased at a cost of 1,100, which sum has been generously contributed by the citizens of Milwaukee.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE,

*Rev. David Keene, B. D., Rector.*

Communicants, 45; Baptisms, 44; Confirmed, 15; Burials, 30; Weekly offerings, 298.10; Domestic Missions, 8.63; Convention fund, 25.00; Church building fund, 6,498.11. As I was absent at the East during the Convention of 1853, this report covers a period of two years.

The ground for a new church edifice for this parish, was broken July 1st, A. D. 1852, and the corner stone was laid with appropriate services by the Bishop on the 15th of same month; and by the Divine blessing the same was completed and consecrated to the service of Almighty God, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost, on St. John's Day, A. D. 1853.

The structure is of our beautiful brick, so celebrated for their color; and for beauty of finish, and appropriateness in appointment, is far superior to anything yet erected in this Diocese.

I still continue to visit my Missionary station at Oak Creek, but my health has been so poor for sometime past, that I have not been so frequent in my visits there as I could have wished.

REV. LEWIS A. KEMPER.

Since my ordination on Trinity Sunday, 1853, I have been acting as a Tutor in the Preparatory Department of Nashotah—save a brief absence at the East during the summer, by permission. I have officiated every Sunday, either assisting at the Mission, or celebrating divine service in the neighborhood by the appointment of the Bishop or Presbyters.

ST. JOHN CHURCH, DELAFIELD.

**MOST REVEREND FATHER:**—Down to the 14th Sunday after Trinity the full services of the Church, including the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, were performed in the mornings of all Sundays and Holydays; the condition of my health not allowing me to have the evening prayer. After that time the entire services for both morning and evening were duly held on all Sundays, and those for the morning, on all Holy-days (with a few exceptions of the latter) until Quinquagesima Sunday, at which time, for reasons already made known to you, I announced to the congregation my intention to resign the charge of the Parish and discontinued the exercise of the rectorship. On the 11th of March my resignation was formally tendered to the vestry and by them accepted. Since then I have, on special occasions, held in the Parish Church the full morning services on three Sundays. I have also prepared one person for confirmation, who, it is expected, will be confirmed in St. Silvanus' Parish on Sunday next.

The following list completes my report:—Baptisms, adults 2, infants 11, total 13; Marriages, 1; Burials, 1; Catechetical class, 20. Offerings for Episcopal Fund \$2.29; Diocesan Missions, \$6.37; Parish Poor, \$7.44; Parochial Purposes, \$115.90.

WILLIAM MARKOE.

REV. S. C. MILLETT.

Since June 14th, 1853, I have visited and held services at the following places, viz: Portage City, Geneva and Bloom Prairie, Jefferson, Waukesha, Fort Atkinson, Fox Lake, Kingston, Randolph, Horicon, Clarence, Decatur, Beloit, and several other places in the vicinity of Beloit, and also at Stevens' Point.

At Portage City, there appears to be a most excellent spirit manifested by many in behalf of the services of the church; and offers of a liberal character are made by the parish, for the support of a clergyman. At Geneva and Bloom Prairie, also, efforts are now being made, to procure the constant ministrations of the church.

I have to report, Baptisms, adults 2, infants 23; Burials, 2.



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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, RACINE,  
*Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, Rector.*

Families, 101; Individuals, 400; Communicants, 100; Baptisms, 28, total 30; Confirmed, 15; Marriages, 5; Burials, adults 6, total 13; Sunday School Teachers, 9; Scholars 91. (Offerings of the Episcopal Fund, \$11 98; Convention Fund, \$10; Diocesan Mission Foreign Missions, \$12 49; Parochial and charitable uses, \$71 37; of the Sunday School, \$9 20)—Total, \$125 94.

It is with gratitude to God, I am able to state at no time during the year has this parish been in so prosperous a condition as it is now. Every pew in the church is taken; constant application is made for from present indications the time is not remote when we shall be obliged to enlarge our present edifice; or, in accordance with the more general wish of the people, to erect a new temple, the solid materials and graceful proportions of which shall be an ornament to the city and an honor to the Diocese.

Perfect harmony and good will prevail among my people; there is a growing punctuality in the fulfilment of their engagements with their pastor while the condition of the temporal concerns of the parish is improving. I humbly trust that there is a healthy growth in grace and a strengthening of God's church and kingdom among us.

RACINE COLLEGE,  
*Rev. Roswell Park, D. D. President.*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the past year I have been actively engaged in the duties of his office, besides affording occasional assistance to his clerical brethren. When not otherwise specially engaged, he held one service, every Sunday, during term time, in the College Church. The College is in a prosperous condition, although still encumbered with nearly \$1200, on account of the expenditure deemed necessary in connection with the new building. The debt was recently reduced by \$200, by donations received from friends in Chicago, through the kind agency of Rev. Mr. Bishop of Illinois. All donations are sacredly applied to the extinction of this encumbrance. Further aid is earnestly solicited towards the accomplishment of this object. Although the support of the Diocese was formally pledged to the College Convention in 1852, the only pecuniary assistance yet received from beyond the limits of Racine, is \$150 from Milwaukee, \$100 from Beloit, and \$10 from Kenosha. More is hoped for, when the importance of sustaining the college shall be duly appreciated.

There are now 51 students attending the exercises, besides several who have withdrawn during the summer session, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. A large increase of this number is anticipated in the autumnal session, beginning on the 20th of September next; with a corresponding increase of faculty. Of the students now attending, 32 are in the Preparatory Department, 19 in the College Classes; and 16 of this number are pursuing the Studies of Law, designed for young men of business. To this course particular notice is invited, in the belief that it is one of general and special importance to the community at large. Referring to the first Annual Catalogue of the College for farther information, the undersigned respectfully solicits the support of the Diocese for this Institution, of its own creation, over which he has the honor to preside.

ZION CHURCH, OCONOMOWOC.  
*Rev. E. S. Peake, Rector.*

During the past year I have continued to perform the duties of the office, and have besides officiated every Sunday either at Oconomowoc, Nashotah, or some other parish within the Diocese. Since Easter day I have had charge of Zion Church, Oconomowoc. The statistics of the parish for the last year, are as follows: Families, 14; Individuals, 60;

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 10—Total, 11; Sunday School Teachers, 40; Library, number of volumes, 59; Offerings for Pastoral purposes, Easter Sunday, 1854, \$18 08.

*Report of Rev. Dr. Cole, late Rector.*

Dr. Cole was absent from this Parish from 1st Sunday in July, 1853, until September inclusive. Services were continued by the kind offices of brethren in the ministry, and to some extent by lay-reading. From September, to the last Lord's Day in November, he officiated every Sabbath afternoon. Sickness then prevented further services on his part. The Rev. Messrs. Peake and Kemper kindly officiated until Easter-day, when the Dr. resigned the parish. The Church edifice was so far completed as to be ready for service on Christmas evening, when the Bishop preached therein for the first time. This edifice, which is of brick, is now held by the undersigned for the parish, to be decided by him to the parish whenever the conditions of the trust are complied with. To meet those conditions an effort was made to raise 1,000 from abroad. Thus far \$561 has been contributed. A contribution a private acknowledgment has been made. In due time a full statement will be made accompanied by a brief sketch of the parish statistics. The undersigned refers to the report of his successor, the Rev. Mr. Phelps. It may not be amiss to add that the Church is to be forever a blessing to the parish.

*Rev. G. E. PETERS,*

Rev. G. E. Peters, at Delavan and Elkhorn, respectfully reports to his Bishop, that he has held one service, each Sunday at these Stations. At Delavan I cannot speak very encouragingly; a want of active interest in the service is felt very much.

At Elkhorn, however, the interior of the church are anticipated, and the expense, the ladies have raised about \$90 00. The Sunday School has 35 scholars and two teachers, is as prosperous as could be expected, and that we cannot get the teachers we need. Could we procure more heartily in this work, our schools would without doubt be much larger. We have no baptisms, or confirmations to report: Marriages, 1; Deaths, 2; by removal one family; Number of families, 22; Communicants, 17, 15 76. In addition to this the children of the Sunday School have fifty volumes for their library, and sent \$2 00 (their Easter offering) to the Rev. J. L. Breck.

The Bishop of St. John's, Elkhorn, contemplate the erection of a church this year, but thus far no decided action is made so as to say, we are building.

We have about 60 scholars in the Sunday School, and six teachers. A lively interest is manifested both by scholars and teachers, but our room (the Jury Room Court House) is not large enough for our use, and we feel the need of a new edifice.

The Rev. J. L. Breck has contributed something over \$18, for purchasing books for the parish. Marriages, 1; Deaths, none; Baptisms, infants 5, adults 2, total, 7; by removal one family; Number of families, 16; Communicants, 22. Collections for the Mission, \$5 37.

We held a third service at Geneva, once in two weeks, since September. During this time the people have purchased and fitted up the old Presbytery meeting house, so that we now have quite a convenient place of worship of our own. I have administered the rite of Holy Baptism to 2 children.

*TRINITY CHURCH, MINERAL POINT,*

*Rev. J. Phelps, Rector.*

1 adult, 1 infant, total 2; Confirmed, 8; Marriages solemnized, 8; Communicants, at last report, 32; Lost by removal, 2; Added by baptism, 7; Present number, 43; Sunday Scholars, 70; Teacher, 1; Number of Families belonging to the parish, 32; Contributions for Do-

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The missions, \$11; for Convention fund, \$5; for Diocesan Missions, \$80.00; by subscription, for debts, &c. \$20, total, \$419. Parish about, with all other expenses connected with the parish, met, will amount to nearly one thousand dollars. I must take this opportunity to acknowledge as an act of gratitude, the presentation to me of my family, a policy of insurance on my life for fifteen hundred dollars, or during my connection with the parish.

During the past year we have secured the use of a small Church Organ, consisting of five stops, from the manufactory of Mr. Henry Erben, of Ne

Eight persons have renewed their baptismal obligations in the Apostles of confirmation. We have added by removal and conversion, several valuable families, whose influence and zeal in the cause of the Church, great cause of hope for the future. It is trusted that an impetus has been received that will soon place our parish among the first in the diocese. Our congregations are larger than formerly, and our communicants more and attentive in all the means of grace, from which it is not doubted to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Our Lord and Saviour.

I am authorized to say that our Church will be ready for consecration at the time the Bishop may please to appoint after the 1st of August next.

## GRACE CHURCH, MADISON,

*Rev. H. P. Powers, Rector Elect.*

The Parish Records present the names of twenty-three communicants corresponding number of names of those deceased, removed, or who have left themselves. The morning service is usually well attended by an attentive, intelligent, and intensely attentive audience. The afternoon congregation discouragingly and disgracefully thin. Our interest is suffering exclusively from want of a church edifice; and yet in view of the price of material, the Vestry judge it inexpedient to build at present.

## ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, WAUKESHA,

*Rev. Charles B. Stout, Rector.*

The Rector can only give a very imperfect report, having spent but 5 weeks in the parish prior to his visit to the eastern cities in behalf of the diocese. From the Parish Register he is enabled to state that about 25 communicants were recorded. During the winter, services were regularly held in the Court House where an attentive and devout congregation assembled for morning prayer and sermon, which continued to increase in numbers up to the time of my absence. The work of finishing the church edifice is now progressing, and I have great pleasure in saying that a sufficient amount has been raised to complete the building. We shall look for its early consecration. I have baptized several children, and there are three or four candidates for confirmation. The result of my application for funds will secure to the parish about \$100. It is proper for me to say in this connection, that I have been received with the greatest kindness, and have found a warm interest expressed in the affairs of Western Missions, which has been proved substantial by the donations received.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FOND DU LAC.

*Rev. J. Sweet, Rector.*

Baptisms—infants, 9; Communicants, present number, 43; Sunday Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25; Contributions to Domestic Missions, \$3.50; Missions, 21.00; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5.

In consequence of ill-health, I have been unable to do much more than keep the Church open on Sundays and the great festivals. The parish has countered an unusual amount of difficulties, and I cannot say that at the time its condition is prosperous. I have long wished to be relieved of the present charge by some clergyman whose health would render him adequate to the duties of the parish, but as yet it has not been accomplished.

## ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MANITOWOC.

Rev. G. Thompson, Rector.

undersigned reports that he took charge of this parish on July 24th, be-  
ginning Sunday after Trinity; since which time he has been engaged in  
the regular discharge of its duties.

Infants, 4; Marriages, 3; Burials, 5; Communicants, lost by death  
10; added, 9, present number, 33; Sunday School Teachers, 8;  
Sunday School Library, 400 vols.; Parish Library, 212 vols.

In addition to the Rector's salary, the following sums have been raised and  
expended, viz: for Diocesan Missions, \$6; Convention Fund, 2,50; Sunday  
School; repair of injury done the Church by lightning, 59,13; erecting a  
bell, 50,00; other objects, 45,50; total, \$193,13.

Added here gratefully recorded to the credit of the Ladies of St. James' par-  
ish, by their laudable industry and zeal, they have placed at the disposal  
of the parish, a sum of money which will enable them to purchase an instru-  
ment of music, which was much needed.

He also acknowledges the receipt of a donation of books, for the parish  
valued at 21,00, from E. Phinney, Esq., of Cooperstown, N. Y. Also, a  
donation of S. S. Books from the American S. S. Union, value \$15,00.

## REV. EBENEZER WILLIAMS.

Statistics since my last report, are: Baptisms, 5 children in the District  
of Columbia; one adult and one child, in the county of Grant; one infant at  
Manitowoc, where I also officiated on the 23d of April, at the solicitation of some  
of the clergy and inhabitants; and one infant in Iowa county; Administered  
the Eucharist at Platteville; United two couples in the Holy Rites of  
Matrimony.

He holds services every Sunday, either at my own house, which is opened  
for the neighbors and others who attend the services of our Holy Church, or  
at other locations—and many are the solicitations of the people from far and  
near.

## Notice.

In consequence of the delay in printing the late Journals, many parochial re-  
ports of former years have been lost. They were all handed by the Bishop to  
his Secretary, and by him transmitted for publication; but when in-  
volved at the time of printing, they were not to be found. If the Clergy  
will examine their Parish Registers, and bring to the next Convention a sum-  
mary of their statistics which have been omitted, these shall be inserted in the  
next issue of the Journal.

### Summary of Parochial Reports.

|                                                         |     |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------|
| Families in 9 parishes,                                 | 393 | } total, 783.  |
| Estimated in 26 parishes,                               | 390 |                |
| Communicants in 20 parishes,                            | 772 | } total, 1172  |
| Estimated in 15 parishes,                               | 400 |                |
| Baptisms in 19 parishes,                                | 295 | } total, 335.  |
| Estimated in 16 parishes,                               | 40  |                |
| Confirmed by Rt. Rev. Bp. Kemper,                       |     | 114.           |
| Marriages in 16 parishes,                               | 41  | } total, 61.   |
| Estimated in 19 parishes,                               | 20  |                |
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| PARISHES ACCORDING TO SENIORITY. | Sunday Schol. | Missionary and Charitable Contributions. |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| Christ Church, Green Bay,        | 1 60          | 40 95                                    |
| St. Paul's, Milwaukee,           | 1             | 650 94                                   |
| Hobart Church, Duck Creek,       | 1             |                                          |
| St. Matthew's, Kenosha,          | 1 14          | 390 44                                   |
| St. Paul's, Beloit,              |               |                                          |
| St. John's &c. Elkhorn,          | 1 60          | 5 37                                     |
| St. Luke's, Whitewater,          | 1             | 77 00                                    |
| St. Alban's, Lisbon,             | 1             | 3 00                                     |
| St. Luke's, Racine,              | 1 91          | 125 94                                   |
| St. Matthias', Waukesha,         | 1             |                                          |
| Scandinavian, Pine Lake,         |               |                                          |
| Trinity Church, Janesville,      | 1             |                                          |
| St. Oloff's, Ashippun,           |               |                                          |
| Christ Church, Delavan,          | R 35          | 7 76                                     |
| Trinity, Mineral Point,          | R 70          | 19 00                                    |
| Grace Church, Madison,           | R             |                                          |
| St. Silvanus', Nashotah,         | R 20          | 52 70                                    |
| Zion Church, Oconomowoc,         | R 40          | 18 00                                    |
| St. George's, N. Prairie,        |               |                                          |
| Grace Church, Sheboygan,         | R 32          | 18 45                                    |
| St. John's, Milwaukee,           | R             | 331 73                                   |
| St. Paul's, Watertown,           | R             |                                          |
| All Saints', Warren,             |               |                                          |
| St. James', Manitowoc,           | R 55          | 8 50                                     |
| Christ Church, Green Lake,       | R             | 3 12                                     |
| St. Paul's, Fond du Lac,         | R 25          | 29 50                                    |
| Holy Communion, Geneva,          |               |                                          |
| Emmanuel Church, Ozaukee,        |               |                                          |
| Holy Communion, Bloomfield,      |               |                                          |
| St. James', Milwaukee,           | R 52          | 93 00                                    |
| Trinity Church, Marquette,       | R 17          | 10 18                                    |
| Grace Church, Dartford,          |               |                                          |
| St. J. Chrysostom, Delafield,'   | 20            | 16 10                                    |
| Intercession, Stevens's Point,   | R             |                                          |
| Trinity Church, Oshkosh,         | R             |                                          |

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| Waukesha,                  | 1                         |                                                |
| Pine Lake,                 |                           |                                                |
| h, Janesville,             | 1                         |                                                |
| hippun,                    |                           |                                                |
| Delavan,                   | R 35                      | 7 76                                           |
| al Point,                  | R 70                      | 19 00                                          |
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ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 24, 1847.

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**CANON I.**

*List of Clergymen in the Diocese.*

On or before the first day of the meeting of the Convention, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the President of the Standing Committee, to give to the Secretary of the Convention a certified list of the names of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, and entitled to seats and votes in Convention.

**CANON II.**

*Opening of Convention.*

Every Convention shall be opened with the Public Common Prayer of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon by a Presbyter, appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver a Sermon or Charge.

**CANON III.**

*Standing Committees of Convention.*

At the opening of Convention, the President shall appoint Standing Committees, consisting of three members each, upon the following subjects:

1st. A Committee on the Admission of Parishes into union with the Convention.

2d. A Committee on Diocesan Missions.

3d. A Committee on Finance, to whom shall be referred the accounts of the various Funds.

4th. A Committee on Elections, to whom shall be referred the list of Clerical and Lay members claiming seats in Convention.

## CANON IV.

*Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In every Congregation, the Church Wardens shall, at the expense of the Parish, provide a proper book, in which the Minister, or if the Parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the names of all persons Baptized, Married, and Buried, together with a list of persons Confirmed, and of those who are Communicants of the Church, with the date of every event recorded, which shall be under the signature of the person recording. From this Register, there shall, annually, be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of Convention, a full and accurate statement of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and of persons Confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion.

## CANON V.

*Persons repelled the Holy Communion.*

When a person who has been repelled the Holy Communion, appeals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him, the Bishop may, and if the person demands, it shall be his duty to appoint three Presbyters who shall make inquiries into the truth of the charges alleged, and shall make a report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop.

## CANON VI.

*Diocesan Missions.*

Sec. 1. The Board of Missions for this Diocese, shall consist of the Bishop, together with the Standing Committee; of which Board the Bishop shall be, ex-officio, President.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee may at any time resolve itself into the Board of Missions, at the request of the Bishop; and in case this request be made by letter, then the Board may act upon such business only as the Bishop may designate.

Sec. 3. No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board unless he shall first have been nominated by the Bishop.

Sec. 4. The former Canon of 1847, on this subject, is hereby repealed by this of 1849.

## CANON VII.

*Mode of Trying Clergymen.*

Sec. 1. If a Clergyman of this Church, offend against any Canon of the General Convention of the Church, or against any Canon of this Diocese, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing by any two persons, who shall be Communicants, and one of them shall be a Presbyter of this Church.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee, if they deem the charges well founded, shall present said Clergyman to the Bishop for trial.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall, thereupon, summon a jury of three Presbyters, who shall be the judges both of the law and the facts. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Presbyter of the Church in this

Diocese, and shall give the accused a copy of the charges presented to the Bishop, and also sixty day's notice of the time and place of trial.

Sec. 4. If the accused shall not appear at the trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the judgment of the Court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions, for the space of six months; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the Ministry.

Sec. 5. The judgment of the Court shall in all cases be made known in writing to the accused, and to the Wardens and Vestrymen of his Parish, together with the charges and specifications, and an outline of the evidence produced on the trial, if it shall be demanded by the accused.

Sec. 6. If the Bishop approve the judgment, he shall within thirty days proceed to administer the discipline prescribed by the Court.

Sec. 7. Should the Bishop disapprove the decision of the Court, he may summon a new Court, and order a new trial, and the judgment of the second Court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

Sec. 8. In case of the suspension of any Clergyman, such suspension may be either for a limited period, or until the offender give the Bishop satisfactory evidence of contrition and reformation.

Sec. 9. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, ipso facto, sever the connection between the Clergyman so suspended, and his Parish.

Sec. 10. In all cases where charges are canonically preferred against a Clergyman of this Church, the accused shall have the right to demand a trial, which demand must be made in writing, and if not granted within three months, the charges shall be discontinued.

#### CANON VIII.

##### *Ritual Uniformity in this Diocese; amended in 1852.*

Sec. 1. In the performance of the Ritual and ceremonies of the Church, where there is no positive interpretation of existing law either by Canon, or by solemn Declaration, or by opinion of the House of Bishops, the Clergy of this Diocese shall be bound to the rule of what is usually called "*Common Law*,"—that is to say: they shall not, for themselves and for their congregations in their public and official ministrations, act according to private judgment, but according to the *general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States*.

Sec. 2. And in case there be in the mind of any Clergyman a doubt as to what that "*General Usage*" is, he shall not decide it for himself and for his congregation by his private opinion, but shall refer it to the *Interpreters* in this Canon appointed, who shall give to him authoritative decision thereupon, founded upon the same principle of "*General Usage*." Provided, always, that there be, as aforesaid, no positive interpretation upon the point in question, either by Canon, or by Declaration, or by Opinion of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 3. The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, in council with the Standing Committee, are hereby established as *Interpreters* for this Diocese of the Ritual Usage of the Church. And their decisions so pronounced, and given in writing, shall be binding upon the Clergy of the Diocese in their performance of the Services of the Church.

Sec. 4. All decisions shall, for the information of the Clergy, be given in writing, by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to all Clergymen canonically connected with this Diocese, and shall also be printed along with the Journal of the Proceedings of the Annual Diocesan Convention, under the head of, "DECISIONS OF THE CHURCH IN WISCONSIN IN REFERENCE TO RITUAL USAGE, BINDING UPON HER CLERGY, ACCORDING TO CANON VIII OF THIS DIOCESE."

Sec. 5. This Canon shall in no wise be taken to refer to any question of doctrine, but solely and entirely to ritual interpretation as it affects practice. And it shall be considered as binding upon and referring to those Clergy only who are canonically connected with this Diocese.

Sec. 6. Transgressions of this Canon are hereby declared offences for which a Minister may be tried and punished.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Standing committee, upon being legally apprized, in the manner as required by Canon VII., Sec. 1., of this Diocese, of any breach of Ritual Uniformity, to notify the Bishop of such complaint. And if the complaint is for the violation of a solemn interpretation already given and made known, the Bishop shall thereupon, by letter, notify said Clergyman that complaint has been made to the Standing committee of a breach of Ritual uniformity upon his part. But in case the complaint is upon a point not having been solemnly interpreted and made known, then the Bishop and Standing Committee shall meet and decide upon the "general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States" upon the point in question: which done, the Bishop shall, by letter, inform said Clergyman of the complaint, and of the Decision of the Interpreters of General Usage. And the Bishop's notice, in either case, shall be considered a warning to said Clergyman to conform to the ritual practice of this Diocese as established and declared. And if a Clergyman, so warned, does not, within *thirty days* notify the Bishop, by letter, of his intention to conform, he shall be proceeded against for breach of this Canon, in the manner provided by Canon VII., of this Diocese,—of the mode of trying Clergymen."

#### CANON IX.

*The duty of Secretary and Treasurer of the Annual Convention; adopted in 1852.*

Sec. 1. The Treasurer appointed in accordance with Section 2, of Article VI of the Constitution, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give security as prescribed by said section 2, in such sums as the Convention shall prescribe, for the faithful performance of his

duties, and the due accounting for all moneys which may come to his hands as such Treasurer; and when at any time, during the recess of the Convention, it shall be deemed necessary by the Standing committee of the Diocese to increase the amount of such security, the said committee shall have power to increase the amount as aforesaid; and the Treasurer shall, within ten days after notice of such determination by said committee, give such security. The Treasurer shall also procure and keep a properly bound book, in which shall be entered accounts and statements in detail of all moneys received and disbursed by him. He shall keep accounts with the several parishes, in which he shall charge them with the amounts assessed against them respectively, and shall credit them with the amount by them paid respectively.

The Secretary's Journals and records, and the Treasurer's book, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and of the Convention, and any Committee thereof.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall, within thirty days after the annual Convention shall have adjourned sine die, furnish to the Treasurer a certified statement of all accounts allowed by the Convention, and the Treasurer shall pay the same (and any claims and accounts duly allowed and certified by the Standing Committee during the recess of the Convention,) but none other, out of any moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

CANON X.

*Alteration of Canons.*

No alteration in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

## RULES OF ORDER,

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, 1847.

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1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.
2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterward stand up, except to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave of the chair.
4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.
6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.
7. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.
8. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, to lay on the table, or postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.
9. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.
10. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

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**ARTICLE I.**

*Acceding to the General and Diocesan Constitution, Canons, &c.*

This Parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, expressly accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

**ARTICLE II.**

*Use of the Church Building.*

The Church Building or House of Worship, belonging to this Parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved of by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

**ARTICLE III.**

*Rector and Minister.*

Sec. 1. The Rector is ex-officio, President of the Vestry, and of the Congregation, and has the casting vote in case of a tie, on all questions brought before it.

Sec. 2. The Minister has the spiritual oversight of this Parish, and the Church Building shall be open to him for Public Common Prayer, Catechetical or other religious instruction, for Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals, and all other rites and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, at such times as he may deem proper.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Minister to enter in the Church Register, all Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, and Confirmations, occurring within his cure; to keep an accurate list of Communicants, and also a register of the families and individuals belonging to the Parish.

Sec. 4. The Minister of this parish shall, at the end of every civil year, present to the wardens a full, faithful, and accurate written account of all Offerings.

received and disbursed by him in his official capacity as almoner of the Church, which account the Wardens shall present to the Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the "Record Book" of the Church, and the original shall be placed upon file among the Parish Documents. This annual account shall distinctly state the sources from whence the offerings came, and the persons or objects to which they were applied. It is left discretionary with the Minister to withhold names, where prudence or a regard for the feelings of individuals renders it expedient.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Wardens.*

Sec. 1. It is recommended that the Wardens, as advisers to the Minister, be communicants of the Church.

Sec. 2. The Senior Warden, or in case of his inability to act, then the Junior Warden shall have the care of the "Record Book" of the parish, and shall cause to be copied therein all Documents bearing upon the history of the Parish.

Sec. 3. The Wardens shall have a care that the Church Building be kept from all secular, or other uses not authorized by Article II, of this Constitution: that it be kept in good repair as becometh the House of God.

Sec. 4. In case there be no Rector, or of absence or inability to act on his part, the Wardens according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry, and of the Congregation. In case both the Rector and Wardens be absent, a Vestryman shall be chosen to preside.

Sec. 5. In case there be any Clergyman of the Church, residing within this Parish, who shall conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the Rules of the Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Wardens shall in writing give notice thereof to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop.

Sec. 6. In the absence of the Wardens, their several duties shall devolve upon the Vestrymen.

## ARTICLE V.

*Annual Elections.*

The Congregation of this Parish shall meet Annually on Monday of Easter week, and elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three, nor more than eight Vestrymen, who shall continue to discharge the functions of their office during one year, or until their successors are elected in accordance with the Provisions of the act of the Legislature on the subject.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Vestrymen.*

Sec. 1. The Vestrymen, together with the Wardens, shall transact all the temporal business of the Parish; shall collect and disburse all money due for Church purposes, and shall at the end of every civil year—if the Treasury be deficient—collect as far as practicable, by subscriptions or otherwise, a sum sufficient to liquidate all the current expenses of the Church.

Sec. 2. The Vestry shall, on or before Easter Monday, cause to be written and placed in the hands of the Minister, but if there be no Minister, then the Senior Warden—a full, accurate and faithful statement of the temporal condition of the Parish, as a body corporate: and at the Meeting of the Congregation on Easter Monday, the Minister or Senior Warden shall, before balloting for Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the Congregation, and after deliver it to the new Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the Record Book of the Church, and the original shall be placed on file among the Parish Documents. The said statement shall declare what money, lands, or other property have been received during their term of office, and from what source. It shall further declare what money has been expended, and for what objects: what property has been purchased, exchanged, mortgaged, sold or otherwise alienated or encumbered, and for what purposes.



## CONSTITUTION OF PARISHES.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

Sec. 1. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by the Vestry, who shall serve till their successors in office are chosen.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Vestry; to take minutes of its proceedings, and when approved, to enter and attest the same in the "Book of Minutes" of the Vestry; it shall be his further duty to enter in the "Record Book" of the Church, the Minister's annual account of offerings, and the Vestry's annual account of the temporal condition of the Parish, and to preserve on file all the originals.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money collected under the authority of the Vestry—the reception and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for—and in case there be no collector appointed by the Vestry, himself shall also collect the same.

Sec. 4. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order from the Vestry, signed by one of the Wardens. The Treasurer shall present to the Vestry, at least two weeks before Easter Monday, a full and accurate statement, accompanied with vouchers, of all monies received and paid by his department, since the last annual statement.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer, if he be not a member of the Vestry, shall attend its meetings when requested, and be guided by its advice in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, and be ready to answer all questions as to the state of the Treasury.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Vestry Meetings.*

Sec. 1. *Quarterly Meetings* of the Vestry shall be held on the first Monday of May, August, November, and February.

*Special Meetings* may be held at such times as the Minister or any two of the members may desire.

Sec. 2. At every meeting of the Vestry, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, and if correct, approved; if incorrect, amended and approved.

At every quarterly meeting, the minutes of the last quarterly, and of all subsequent special meetings shall be read.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Altering of Constitution.*

Alterations, amendments or additions may at any time be made to this Constitution by the Annual Diocesan Convention.

## MEMORANDA.

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### STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D.  
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Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham,  
Rev. Joseph H. Nichols,  
Benjamin McVickar, M. D.  
J. B. Selby, M. D.  
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Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D. S. T. P.  
Rev. J. H. Nichols,  
Rev. L. W. Davis,  
Gen. Philo White,  
Benjamin McVickar, M. D.  
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#### *Supplementary Deputies.*

Rev. T. J. Ruger,  
Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham,  
Rev. M. Hoyt,  
Rev. W. Hommann,  
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Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D.

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## CONSERVATOR OF CHURCH DOCUMENTS.

Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D. Milwaukee.

## SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

Rev. Roswell Park, D. D. Racine.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Bishop in charge of the Diocese requests of the Clergy, to conform, as nearly as may be, to the following form, in their Annual Reports, in order that a tabular view of the state of the Church may be presented yearly.

NAME OF PARISH, \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MINISTER, \_\_\_\_\_

DATE, \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Families connected with the Parish, \_\_\_\_\_; Individuals, \_\_\_\_\_; Communicants, died —, removed —, added —, present number \_\_\_\_\_; Baptisms, infants —, adults —, total \_\_\_\_\_; Confirmed, \_\_\_\_\_; Marriages, \_\_\_\_\_; Burials, infants —, adults —, total \_\_\_\_\_; Sunday School Teachers, \_\_\_\_\_; Scholars, \_\_\_\_\_; Library, \_\_\_\_\_ vols.; Parish Library, \_\_\_\_\_ vols.

Offerings of the Parish for Episcopal Fund, \_\_\_\_\_; Diocesan Missions, \_\_\_\_\_; Convention Fund, \_\_\_\_\_; Parish Poor, \_\_\_\_\_; Parochial Purposes, \_\_\_\_\_.



## NOTICE.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Wisconsin, will be holden, (D. V.) in Trinity Church, Mineral Point, on the Second Wednesday in June, 1855. The Rev. George R. Bartlett is appointed by the Bishop to preach the Sermon on the evening before Convention; and the Rev. Hiram N. Bishop to be his Substitute. The Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D. is appointed to preach the Sermon at the opening of the Convention; and the Rev. L. Wilson Davis to be his Substitute. The present Secretary would remind his Brethren, the Parochial Clergy, that, according to the Canons of this Diocese, an Annual Collection is required to be taken up, in each Parish, for the Convention Fund, and paid to the Treasurer of the same, besides the Collections required for the Episcopal Fund, and for Diocesan Missions. And in distributing the Journal of the Convention, it is deemed just that those Parishes which contribute the most to the Convention Fund should receive the largest number of copies.

## RACINE COLLEGE.

Rev. Roswell Park, D. D., President, and Prof. of Mathematics, Nat. Philosophy, &c.; Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, A. M., Prof. of English Literature; Marshall M. Strong, Esq., A. M., Lecturer on Legal Science; Philo R. Hoy, M. D., Lecturer on Natural Science; Thomas Hale, A. B., Tutor in Classics; Llewellyn J. Evans, B. S., Principal of the English Department. The seventh Session, commencing the Third Year, will open, (D. V.) on Wednesday, the 20th of September ensuing.

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**OF THE**  
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**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**JUNE 13, A. D. 1855.**

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**THE RT. REV. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D., Bishop :** Delafield, Waukesha County.

**REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology at** Nashotah ; P. O. Delafield.

“ **WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG,** residing in Indiana.\*

“ **W. W. ARNETT, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's,** Milwaukee.

“ **GEORGE R. BARTLETT,** Missionary at Marquette.

“ **HIRAM N. BISHOP,** Rector of St. Matthew's, Kenosha.

“ **L. D. BRAINARD,** Deacon, Missionary at Juneau, Horicon, and Mayville, Dodge Co.

“ **JAMES B. BRITTON,** Rector of Grace Church, Madison.

“ **SAMUEL G. CALLAHAN,** residing at Oshkosh.

“ **AZEL D. COLE, D. D., Professor of Pastoral Theology, and President of Nashotah, and Rector of St. Sylvanus' Parish ;** P. O. Delafield.

“ **L. WILSON DAVIS.**

“ **JAMES DEKOVEN,** Deacon, Tutor in Ecclesiastical History, at Nashotah ; P. O. Delafield.

“ **GEORGE B. EASTMAN,** Rector of St. James', Fond du Lac.

“ **C. C. EDMUNDS,** Deacon, Missionary at Watertown.

“ **EDWARD A. GOODNOUGH,** Missionary to the Oneida Indians at Duck Creek ; P. O. Green Bay.

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\* Since transferred to Indiana.

REV. THOMAS GREENE, Rector of the Church of the Intercession, Stevens' Point.

- " WILLIAM HOMMANN, Rector of Christ Church, Green Bay.
- " LEONARD R. HUMPHREY, Rector of St. Luke's, Whitewater.
- " MELANCTHON HOYT, Rector of St. James', Manitowoc.
- " J. P. T. INGRAHAM, Rector of St. James', Milwaukee.
- " DAVID KEEFE, Rector of St. John's, Milwaukee.
- " LEWIS A. KEMPER, Tutor in Exegesis and Greek at Nashotah, and officiating at Ashippun ; P. O. Delafield.
- " WILLIAM MARKOE.
- " STEPHEN C. MILLETT, Beloit.
- " P. BROWNE MORRISON, Missionary at Berlin and Ripon.\*
- " JOSEPH H. NICHOLS, Rector of St. Luke's, Racine.
- " ROSWELL PARK, D. D., President of Racine College.
- " EUGENE C. PATTISON, Deacon.
- " E. STEELE PEAKE, Tutor in Biblical History and Literature, and Latin, at Nashotah, and Rector of Zion Church, Oconomowoc.
- " G. E. PETERS, Missionary at Elkhorn, Walworth Co.
- " JOSIAH PHELPS, Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.
- " HENRY P. POWERS, residing at Ypsilanti, Michigan.
- " THOMAS J. RUGER, Janesville.
- " HENRY C. SHAW, Deacon, officiating at St. Alban's, Lisbon ; P. O. Sussex, Waukesha Co.
- " J. E. C. SMEDES, Deacon, Missionary at Beloit.
- " CHARLES B. STOUT, Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.
- " W. H. STUDLEY, Deacon, Missionary at Geneva, Bloom Prairie and Delavan.
- " DAVID W. TOLFORD, Missionary at Oshkosh.
- " HUGH M. THOMPSON, Deacon, Missionary at Portage and Baraboo.
- " EBENEZER WILLIAMS, Grant Co., Montford P. O.

REV. A. B. PEABODY, (of Mississippi,) officiating at Sheboygan during the Summer.

- " JOSEPH A. RUSSELL, (of Virginia,) officiating at Hudson.
- " G. UNONIUS, (of Illinois,) officiating at St. Olof's monthly.

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Total number of Clergy belonging to the Diocese,.....40

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\* Admitted to Priest's orders at the Convention.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ORGANIZED PARISHES  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,  
WITH THEIR DEPUTIES TO THE CONVENTION,  
JUNE 13, A. D. 1855.

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- St. Olof's Church, *Ashippun*, None reported.  
St. Paul's Church, *Beloit*, N. B. Gaston,\* S. J. Sherwood,\* Thomas  
Edgar,\* Allen Warden.\*  
Trinity Church, *Berlin*, T. T. Kissam,\* Wm Gordon,\* C. R. Taylor.\*  
Church of the Holy Communion, *Bloomfield*, None reported.  
Grace Church, *Dartford*, None reported.  
Church of St. John Chrysostom, *Delafield*, None reported.  
Christ Church, *Delavan*, Hezekiah Wells.  
Hobart Church, *Duck Creek*, None reported.  
St. John's Church, *Elkhorn*, None reported.  
St. Paul's Church, *Fond du Lac*, None reported.  
Church of the Holy Communion, *Geneva*, None reported.  
Christ Church, *Green Bay*, None reported.  
Christ Church, *Green Lake*, None reported.  
Trinity Church, *Janesville*, None reported.  
St. Matthew's *Kenoska*, Wm. Lamb, Dr. Groesbeck,\* J. B. C. Adama.\*  
St. Alban's Church, *Lisbon*, None reported.  
Grace Church, *Madison*, None reported.  
St. James' Church, *Manitowoc*, None reported.  
Trinity Church, *Marquette*, None reported.  
St. Paul's Church, *Milwaukee*, Ellis Worthington, Esq.,\* W. H. Wright  
Esq.\* Dr. B. McVickar,\* Dr. J. K. Bartlett.\*  
St. James' Church, *Milwaukee*, J. B. Selby Jr.,\* R. Whitehead,\* C.  
Comstock,\* R. Chandler.\*

- St. John's Church, *Milwaukee*, Lindsey Ward,\* D. C. Reed,\* C. A. Place,\* Joseph Richards.\*
- Trinity Church, *Mineral Point*, Robert S. Schuyler, Richard M. Smith—  
Hon. Samuel Crawford, R. D. Pulford.
- St. Sylvanus' Church, *Nashotah*, None reported.
- Christ Church, *New California*, J. S. Jones, Esq., F. C. Kirkpatrick.
- Zion Church, *Oconomowoc*, A. H. Whitney,\* S. S. Warner,\* D. H. Rockwell.\*
- Trinity Church, *Oshkosh*, None reported.
- Emmanuel Church, *Ozaukee*, None reported.
- St. John's Church, *Portage*, John A. Brown, Hon. Henry Merrell,  
C. D. Hottenstein, M. D.\*
- St. Luke's Church, *Racine*, Nelson Pendleton,\* Wm. H. Lathrop.\*
- Grace Church, *Sheboygan*, W. W. King,\* Andrew Higbee,\* J. M. Shafter.\*
- Church of the Intercession, *Stevens' Point*, None reported
- St. Paul's Church, *Watertown*, None reported.
- St. Matthias' Church, *Waukesha*, Squire S. Case,\* Albert Marsh,\* Isaac V. V. Hibbard.\*
- St. Luke's Church, *Whitewater*, None reported.

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Total number of Organized Parishes, ..... 35

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\* The Deputies whose names are marked with an asterisk, were absent from the Convention. The distance of Mineral Point from the main portion of the Diocese, will account for the unusually small representation of the Parishes, as seen by the above List.

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

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TRINITY CHURCH, MINERAL POINT, Wednesday, June 13th, 1855.

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Ninth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and the Clergy and Laity having duly assembled; Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Smedes of Beloit and Rev. Mr. Morrison of Berlin; the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Ingraham of Milwaukee, from St. John iii: 5; and the Holy Communion was administered by the Right Reverend Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the officiating Clergymen.

The Convention was then called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper; and the List of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, having been called by the Secretary of the last Convention, the following answered to their names:

Rev. Messrs. Arnett, Bishop, Davis, Ingraham, Keene, Kemper, Morrison, Park, Peake, Peters, Phelps, Smedes, Stout, Thompson and Williams.

The Lay Deputies being called upon, then presented their certificates of appointment to a Committee appointed by the Bishop, of which Rev. Mr. Davis was Chairman; and on motion the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and the List of the Lay Deputies, having been presented by the Committee, was called by the Secretary of the last Convention, when the following were found to be present:

Messrs. Hezekiah Wells, William Lamb, Robert S. Schuyler, Richard M. Smith, Hon. Samuel Crawford, and R. D. Pulford.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Park was appointed the Secretary of this Convention; and, on his nomination, the Rev. Mr. Ingraham was chosen Assistant Secretary.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order, adopted by the Convention of 1848, be adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church from other Dioceses, now visiting this place, and Candi-

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\* NOTE.—The customary Missionary Sermon was preached on the preceding evening, by the Rev. Mr. Bishop of Kenosha, from Acts xi: 26, last clause.

dates for Holy Orders, be invited to Honorary seats in this Convention. Rev. Mr. Manney of Minnesota accordingly took a seat.

The following Canonical Committees were appointed by the Bishop:

*On the Admission of Parishes*, Rev. Mr. Peake, Rev. Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Schuyler.

*On Diocesan Missions*, Rev. Dr. Arnett, Rev. Mr. Keene, and Mr. Lamb.

*On Finance*, Hon. S. Crawford, Mr. Brown and Mr. Wells.

*On Elections*, Rev. Mr. Davis, Rev. Mr. Phelps, and Rev. Mr. Peters.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Rev. Mr. Peake and Mr. Pulford were appointed to act as Tellers; and the following gentlemen were duly elected: Rev. Dr. Arnett, Rev. Messrs. Keene, Ingraham, and Phelps; and Messrs. R. D. Pulford, R. S. Schuyler, H. Wells, and W. Lamb.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, which was listened to with deep interest;—as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:

I now meet you under altered circumstances. Heretofore my connection with you has been such that it could have been changed at any time. But by your own vote, and that a unanimous one, I am now your Diocesan for life. I thank you for your confidence, after so many years of experience of the trials and poverty of a frontier life. Of the faithfulness and the self-sacrificing spirit of some of you, I have the most satisfactory evidence. Through evil report and good report, and generally with the most limited means, you have remained steadfast and unmoveable in laying the foundation of the Church of the living God in this beautiful, healthy and rapidly growing State. Let us persevere. Our record is on high. With discouragements which none can realize but those who have experienced them, and often assailed by railing accusations from brethren of our common faith, we have I trust adhered to the principles and followed in the footsteps of the primitive followers of our adorable Lord. The work before us is immense. The promises of our gracious Master of guidance, protection and comfort, are sure and unfailing. We are now simply sowing the precious seed in a few limited fields. Let us, each one in his own sphere, cultivate the ground allotted him with assiduity and care. The Lord of the harvest, in answer to our frequent prayers, will raise up, in his own good time, fellow-laborers to occupy the waste places, establish the Church in every village, and console our scattered members by frequent opportunities of worshipping the Almighty in the way the church considers most edifying and scriptural. But let us not lose a moment; for our responsibilities, if not awful, are truly great and alarming, and should call forth every faculty we possess into thorough and unceasing action. To the Clergy especially I would say, the spiritual state of each individual within your sphere of duty, should be ascertained by personal intercourse. The Gospel must be preached from house to house.—Parochial schools should if possible be established. The eye and heart of the preacher of righteousness should be with all the children of his flock. They should be led on step by step in the paths of knowledge and holiness; and by means of catechetical, confirmation, and first communion classes, be under the frequent oversight of influential and beloved pastors. The idea that a commissioned servant of the Most High, in these days of rebuke and blasphemy, when the soul destroying errors of Mormonism and infidelity are prevailing, and those of Rome and rationalism are aplauded, and dealers with familiar and diabolical spirits are often to be met with—in these days for a man of God to settle

upon his lees, and content himself with his weekly sermon, devoting day after day to the pursuits of elegant literature, seeking for worldly fame, or laboring when necessity does not require it on a farm, proves that he is ignorant of his office with its unnumbered duties, or is unfit to be a standard bearer in the sacramental host of God. We are not to count our lives dear unto ourselves, that we may finish our course with joy. And if this sacred principle applies with peculiar force to the Clergy, does it not teach our lay brethren that they, according to their talents and acquirements, have an important work to accomplish? When all of us, of every class, in addition to fervent zeal and an holy example, devote one-tenth of our income to the treasury of the Lord, we shall thereby, acting as stewards, become co-workers in proclaiming the day of salvation; and our most sanguine hopes with respect to the growth and permanency of the pillar and ground of the truth, will be fully accomplished.

The progress of the Diocese has been much slower than I wished; yet many circumstances, I am happy to say, have occurred which afford ground of encouragement. We still want, to an alarming extent, means, and devoted clergymen. Our statistics I am certain will be gratifying. Having visited all the Clergy, and worshipped with them in their houses or places of prayer, which are sometimes upper rooms, or school or court houses, I must state that owing to circumstances which they cannot possibly control, they are often discouraged.—To some stations no accessions have been made, and the inhabitants are yet few and scattered. From others, our zealous members have removed. While one parish has scarcely been able to welcome an Episcopal family for years, into an adjoining one they are moving almost every month. Perfectly convinced that the labors of my brethren will not be in vain in the Lord, I exhort them to persevere, or to follow their flocks to new and more attractive places. That there are many such places we all know. And shall they be left, year after year unsupplied? Assured of the blessing of our divine Master, when the work is his, and to his glory, I confidently say that everything depends upon ourselves. Let us be up and doing. Rally with love and generosity around the school of the prophets which God in his goodness has raised up in our midst, and send thither all the youth whose hearts, through your influence and teaching, the Lord has touched; that there, in seclusion, and under able and devoted teachers, they may be duly prepared for the ministry of reconciliation.

Since the last Convention the Rev. Martin F. Sorensen has been transferred to the Diocese of Indiana, and the Rev. J. Sweet to that of Mississippi.

Seven Clergymen have been received among us by transfer. The Rev. Henry P. Powers came from Ohio, and officiated during the winter at Madison. He is now residing at Ypsilanti, in Michigan.

The Rev. D. W. Tolford from Virginia, is officiating, amidst many encouragements, at the flourishing city of Oshkosh.

The Rev. William H. Studley, a deacon from Connecticut, officiates with great acceptance at Geneva and Bloom Prairie.

The Rev. J. E. C. Snedec, yet in deacons' orders, is settled at Beloit. His report will show that he is not laboring in vain. He came from New York.

The Rev. George B. Eastman has taken charge of the parish at Fond du Lac, where his labors have been greatly blessed. He came from Western New York.

The Rev. James DeKoven, a deacon from Connecticut, became tutor of Ecclesiastical History at Nashotah and at the same time took charge of the vacant parish of St. John Chrysostom in Delafield. His efforts for the cause of the Redeemer have been crowned with much success.

The Rev. James B. Britton, from Ohio, has just been added to our numbers, and has accepted the charge of Grace Church, Madison.

The four deacons whose names I mentioned at the last Convention, are, I am happy to say, settled in our midst, and are laboring faithfully for the salvation of immortal souls. The Rev. L. D. Brainard is Missionary at Juneau, Horicon and Mayville, in Dodge County. The Rev. C. C. Edmunds is the Missionary at Watertown. The Rev. P. Browne Morrison is Missionary at Berlin and Ripon,



and the Rev. Henry C. Shaw, after officiating for several months in Ohio, is now the minister of St. Alban's in Waukesha County.

Some changes have taken place among the Clergy since we last met. The Rev. William C. Armstrong has been compelled to move to Indiana, to take charge of the property of some orphan children who are his relatives. He has not requested a transfer, but is officiating I learn in that Diocese. The Church at Lisbon is now supplied, as I have already mentioned, by the Rev. Henry C. Shaw.\*

The Rev. George R. Bartlett writes me he has resigned the Church at Green Lake, as the congregation is nearly broken up by removals. I have been solicited by one of the wardens to send them another Missionary. Mr. Bartlett now devotes himself exclusively to Marquette, with the intention however of visiting some neighboring places.

Our estimable brother, the Rev. L. Wilson Davis, has been sorely afflicted.—He has lost three children, and during the whole of last winter was confined to his residence. On the approach of spring he resigned the parish at Sheboygan, and started on a journey for his health. His presence here is unexpected and gratifying, and encourages the hope that he will soon be enabled to resume the work of the ministry.

The Rev. Melancthon Hoyt resigned Watertown, and after some delay took charge at Christmas of St. James' Church, Manitowoc, where, and in the neighborhood, he has a noble field, which, with his well known abilities he may make, with Divine assistance, to flourish as the rose.

The Rev. Lewis A. Kemper was admitted by me to priests' orders on the 4th of March, being the 2d Sunday in Lent, and one of the stated times of ordination. He is now tutor of Exegesis and of Greek at Nashotah, and officiates as assistant to the Rev. G. Unonius among the Americans and English in the neighborhood of St. Olof's parish.

I deeply regret to state that having exhausted the funds which had been placed in my hands by an excellent clergyman who resides far distant from us in the West, the itineracy of the Rev. Mr. Millett was necessarily closed. He has been acting during the winter as Agent for Racine College, and by his efforts has greatly reduced the debt of that truly promising Institution.

The Rev. G. E. Peters has resigned the charge of Delavan, but still continues that of Elkhorn, where his ministry has been encouragingly blessed. Here, on the 25th of January, I consecrated a Church by the name of St. John's Elkhorn, the corner stone of which was laid by me a few months before. The building, though small, is substantial, and is adorned with a steeple and a well toned bell.

The Rev. Thomas J. Ruger has resigned the charge of Trinity Church at Janesville. This important parish is still vacant.

The efforts of the Rev. Charles B. Stout have been so successful that I expect to consecrate the beautiful and substantial church at Waukesha before this month has elapsed.

The Rev. Hugh M. Thompson, deacon, is again with us, and is laboring with great success at Portage and Baraboo.

Of the six candidates for holy orders, whose names are recorded in my last address, I have to state that Samuel Josiah Hayward was, on account of his health, transferred by me to the Diocese of Mississippi, where he has been ordained by Bishop Green. Eugene C. Pattison was admitted to Deacon's orders on Trinity Sunday; and with him, and at the request of the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, I ordained A. B. Peabody. There remain in the Diocese but four candidates, namely: John H. Egar, William D. Christian, Luther Gregory and Henry M. Thompson. To these, several are expected to be added in the fall.

I have visited the following churches, stations or places: St. James' Milwa-

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\* Since the Convention met Mr. Armstrong has been transferred to Indiana.

Two, Two Rivers, Oconomowoc, St. John's Milwaukee, Watertown, Wisconsin, Juneau, Nashotah, Clarence, Mineral Point, Elkhorn, Foxnette, Green Lake, New Diggings, St. Pauls' Milwaukee, Delafield, Waukesha, Beloit, Madison, Mauston, Portage, Baraboo, Delavan, Iron Prairie, Stevens' Point, Berlin, Ripon, Rosendale, Oshkosh, Aponeida Congregation, Green Bay, Janesville, Kenosha, Oak Creek, Racine, the Norwegian Congregation, Hudson, and the parish of St.

have been confirmed at St. James', Milwaukee, two; at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, two; at Oconomowoc, seventeen; at Mineral Point, twelve; at Milwaukee, twenty-three; at Marquette, three; at New Diggings, Waukesha, four; at Beloit, seven; at Watertown, four; at Delafield, ten; at Racine, sixteen; at Elkhorn, three; at Delavan, two; at Geneva, four; at Oneida, sixteen; at Green Bay, three; at Kenosha, fourteen; at Racine, fourteen; at Racine, eight; at St. Olofs, Norwegians, five: at St. Olofs, (worshiping in Nashotah chapel) four, and at Whitewater four baptised five adults and thirty children. All of these baptisms will be included in the statistics of the parishes, except eleven children.

By one of those accidents which occasionally happen even to the most careful, my bag was separated from my baggage more than forty-eight hours, I am sorry to say to you all I intended at this time.

On the part of the Rev. George Thompson, we have to mourn the early death of a very modest brother, who was earnestly devoted to his sacred calling by his zeal, and faithfulness, had greatly endeared himself to the congregation of Manitowoc.

We must take the subject of Diocesan Missions into serious consideration. It is now strength to do something for this most important cause. Having labored for many years by the Domestic Committee, we should begin to assist. The contributions of all the parishes during the past year have been sufficient to sustain one Missionary! I speak this to your shame;—I ask you, by your love of the Redeemer, to permit such a state of things to no longer. Why should we not organize an active Society, and raise money to send forth several Missionaries besides those who are in the hands of the Board, or else to make such additions to the very feeble incomes of those who are now in the field, as to enable them to devote all their time and anxiety to parochial work?

Our annual advent appeals of that Committee which, under God, has nurtured and still sustains us, will not, I hope, be passed by unheeded by any one in the Diocese. Our exhortations in the cause of Missions should be more tenacious and trumpet-tongued. And ought the requests of the Societies to be so frequently and so generously supplied us with copies of the Book of Prayer, to be forgotten? I trust not.

Our failing and perhaps the almost necessary course pursued in the discipline of our country, makes the duty of parents and pastors, in relation to religious education of children, most solemn and imperative. Parish schools are ever important, and when properly conducted, their importance is exaggerated, must be of slow growth. But children are rising by thousands and tens of thousands in our midst; and the influence of social existence of our Government, the prosperity of the Church, and their education, require that they be trained from the dawn of reason in the nurture of the Lord. Let there as much time be given as possible to the members of the church to catechetical instruction.

I have heretofore said in reference to Racine College, I wish to repeat with earnestness. Under the most indefatigable efforts of its devoted faculty it is steadily advancing in usefulness.

But one object in view, I beseech you let no party spirit exist among us all unite as brethren beloved in the Lord, in spreading far and

Bishop, to be admitted to the holy order of Priesthood, and was by him duly ordained a Priest in the Church of God; the Rev. Drs. Arnett and Park, and Rev. Messrs. Manney, Phelps, Bishop and Peters uniting in the laying on of hands.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, when the minutes of the Morning Session were read by the Secretary, and accepted.

The Committee on the Assessment of the Parishes to cover the travelling expenses of the Bishop, presented their Report, which was accepted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, Canon III. of this Diocese was amended, to read as follows:

In order to organize the Convention, the President shall appoint a Special Committee of three Clergymen, to receive the certificates of appointment of the Lay Deputies, and prepare a List of the same for the use of the Secretary; and after the Convention is fully organized, the President shall appoint Standing Committees, consisting of three members each, upon the following subjects:

1st. A Committee on the Admission of Parishes into union with the Convention.

2d. A Committee on Diocesan Missions.

3d. A Committee on Finance, to whom shall be referred the accounts of the various Funds.

4th. A Committee on Canons, to whom shall be referred all proposed new Canons, or amendments of the Canons, or Constitution.

The Secretary of the Convention for the preceding year, is requested to bring to the notice of the Convention any unfinished business which he may find referred to in the last printed Journal.

The Finance Committee made their Report, which was accepted.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention now proceed to the election of the remaining officers of the same, for the ensuing year. The Chair appointed Rev. Mr. Stout and Mr. Schuyler to act as Tellers; and the following gentlemen were elected Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention.

Rev. Dr. Adams, Rev. Dr. Arnett, Rev. Mr. Nichols, Rev. Dr. Cole, B. McVickar, M. D., and Messrs. J. B. Doe, T. T. Kissam and Hon. S. Crawford.

On motion, the Election of Supplementary Deputies was dispensed with.

On motion, Gen. Philo White, Benj. McVickar, M. D., Isaac J. Ullmann, Esq., Marshall M. Strong, Esq., and Joseph S. Colt, Esq. were elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, under the act of Incorporation.

Mr. Ferguson having declined a re-election, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to D. Ferguson, Esq., for his efficient services in years past, as Treasurer of Diocesan Missions in this Diocese; and H. H. Camp, Esq., of Milwaukee, was elected in his stead.

On motion, Joseph S. Colt, Esq., of Milwaukee, was elected Treasurer of the Convention Fund.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention have heard from the Bishop of the Diocese, and from other sources, with great pleasure, of the increased prosperity and healthful growth of Racine College; and that, having entire confidence in the Institution, under its able and experienced President and his coadjutors, we commend it to the patronage of the members and friends of our Church in this Diocese, as worthy of their bounty, and as affording desirable facilities for giving their sons a thorough and Christian education.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Article vi. of the Constitution of Parishes, be amended by prefixing the following section:—It is recommended that the Vestry be chosen from the Communicants, in all parishes where the number is sufficient.

The Parochial Reports, having been duly presented, were read at intervals during the proceedings of the Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the members of Trinity Church, Mineral Point, for their kindness and hospitality to this body.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That six hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed for distribution and for preservation; seventy five copies being reserved for the Conservator of Church Documents.

A subscription was made to meet the deficiency of the Convention Fund for the ensuing year.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Keene, Rev. Mr. Ingraham, and Rev. Dr. Arnett were appointed a Committee to make a Report on the state of the Church in this Diocese.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet again for business at the close of the evening service.

Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs Kemper and Williams; and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Stout, from 1 Chronicles, xix: 5, the last clause.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, Joseph S. Colt, Esq., was appointed to receive the assessment for the Bishop's travelling expenses; and the Rectors or Ministers of Parishes were requested to see that the assessments are paid.

The Committee on the state of the Church made an informal Report, to be farther matured.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be requested to use their best efforts for the increase of the same.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Keene, Rev. Mr. Ingraham, and R. S. Schuyler,

Esq., were appointed a Committee on Glebes and Church Lots, to report to the next Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention do now adjourn after the usual devotions. The Gloria in Excelsis was then sung; and after uniting with the Bishop in prayer, and having received his Benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JACKSON KEMPER, Bishop of the Diocese.

ROSWELL PARK, *Secretary of the Convention*.

J. P. T. INGRAHAM, *Assistant Secretary*.

## MINUTES OF THE CONVOCATION.

At a meeting of the Annual Convocation of the Clergy of this Diocese, convened by the Bishop in Trinity Church, Mineral Point, on Tuesday, June 12th, 1855, it was earnestly recommended by the Bishop, and by all the Brethren present, that a Convocation should be held in each Parish of the Diocese, as often as once a year, at the time of an Episcopal Visitation, or such other time as the Rector of the Parish should appoint. It was also agreed that the order of the Exercises should be determined by the Rector or Minister of the Parish in which the Convocation is held, and that the Rector should invite the Bishop of the Diocese, and all the Brethren of his Convocational District to be present, designating, if he please, beforehand the part which they or others should take in the services; and that all the Clergy of the Diocese, and visiting Clergymen should be considered as generally invited to be present at these meetings, and to take part in the services, when called upon.

It was unanimously *Resolved*, That the Rector or Minister of a Parish holding a Convocation, should make a Record of the proceedings of the same, and transmit a copy thereof to the Bishop, to be filed by him, as a part of the History of the progress of the Church in this Diocese. It was farther recommended that a collection for Diocesan Missions should be made, at or soon after each Convocation.

W. W. ARNETT,

*Secretary of the Convocation.*

## APPENDIX.

### Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese would respectfully report follows:—

That at a meeting in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, June 14th, 1854, Testimonials of the Election of the Right Rev. Jackson Kemper, D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin, were prepared and read, and the Rev. D. Keene and the Secretary were authorized to forward the necessary papers to the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church, and request their concurrence.

The Convention of the Diocese having referred the Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, to the Standing Committee, the Rev. H. Nichols was authorized to inquire into the state of the securities of interest, belonging to that fund.

At a meeting of the Committee, on July 11th, 1854, testimonials were laid before it relative to the Election of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., as Bishop of Iowa, it was *Resolved*, That believing the canons of the Canon 11, of the General Convention of 1844, have not been complied with, in the election of said Lee, the Standing Committee of this Diocese decline signing his testimonials.

At a meeting of the Committee on August 31st, 1854, the Bishop having presented a letter of resignation from the Treasurer of the Diocese, and Secretary of the Standing Committee, a Committee was appointed to examine the papers of the late Treasurer. Joseph S. Lee, Esq., was appointed Treasurer of the Diocese in his place, and Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D., Secretary.

At a meeting of the Committee on February 26th, 1855, Mr. Lewis Kemper, B. D., was recommended to the order of Priesthood.

At a meeting, March 30th, 1855, it was *Resolved*, That the Rev. D. Keene, B. D., be a Committee to ascertain and report at the next diocesan Convention, a draft of the present requirements of the law for the incorporation of Parishes.

At a meeting, May 31st, 1855, satisfactory testimonials having been laid before the Committee, Mr. Eugene Charles Pattison was thereupon recommended to the Bishop for the Diaconate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. T. INGRAHAM, *Secretary*.

**Treasurers' Reports.**

## EPISCOPAL FUND.

*Diocese of Wisconsin, in account with Henry J. Ullmann, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, &c.*

1854.

|            |                                                   |      |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------|------|
| June 14th, | By balance as per account rendered,.....          | \$74 |
| " 29th,    | " contribution, Grace Church, Sheboygan,.....     | 1    |
| Aug. 22d,  | " interest from S. Raymond, note and Mortgage, 48 |      |
| Oct. 13th, | " " " J. Sleman, " " " 70                         |      |
| Dec. 15th, | " " " Moses Vilas, " " " 16                       |      |
| " 22d,     | " contribution, St. Luke's Church, Racine,.....   | 1    |

1855.

|             |                                                   |             |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Jan. 6th,   | " " Christ Church, Green Bay,.....                | 1           |
| M'ch. 10th, | " " Grace Church, Madison,.....                   | 16          |
| Ap'l 14th,  | " Easter offering, Christ Church, Green Bay,....  | 6           |
| May 9th,    | " from St. Sylvanus' Parish, Nashotah & Summit, 6 |             |
|             |                                                   | <u>\$25</u> |

1854.

Per Contra

|            |                                                 |             |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Oct. 19th, | To cash loaned by A. G. Knight by order of Mar- |             |
| 1855.      | shall M. Strong, and Trustees,.....             | 12          |
| May 9th,   | " balance on hand,.....                         | 13          |
|            |                                                 | <u>\$25</u> |

HENRY J. ULLMANN, *Treasurer*

To the above, add \$10, a contribution from St. Paul's Church, Waukegan, received at Convention, and \$100 received from Gen. P. White. R.]

## MEMORANDUM.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin, now consists of the following items:

1. Seneca Raymond's note and mortgage, dated February 1, 1853, for \$382, due in two years from date; interest annually at 12 per cent., paid to August 22d, 1854.
  2. John Sleman's note and mortgage, dated October 12th, 1853, for \$700, due in five years from date; interest annually at 12 per cent., paid to October 12th, 1854.
  3. Moses Vilas' note and mortgage, dated December 7th, 1853, for \$169, due in two years from date; interest annually at 12 per cent., paid to November 25th, 1854.
  4. Lawrence J. Bangs' note and mortgage, dated October 3d, 1853, for \$126 08, due in two years from date; interest annually at 12 per cent.
  5. John S. Bangs' note and mortgage, dated July 17th, 1853, for \$241 29, due in one year from date; interest annually at 12 per cent.
- Making the total amount of the fund \$1618 37, besides interest due.

HENRY J. ULLMAN, *Treasurer*

## DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

*Account of Receipts and Disbursements for 1854 and 1855.*

1855.

## RECEIPTS.

|           |                                             |                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| June 9th, | To balance, June 14th, 1854,.....           | \$1 33          |
| " "       | " St. Luke's Church, Racine,.....           | 10 02           |
| " "       | " St. John Chrysostom,.....                 | 6 37            |
| " "       | " Grace Church, Sheboygan.....              | 3 00            |
| " "       | " Trinity Church, Mineral Point,.....       | 3 00            |
| " "       | " St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee,.....        | 50 10           |
| " "       | " St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah,.....      | 8 19            |
| " "       | " St. John Chrysostom,.....                 | 3 00            |
| " "       | " Church at Watertown,.....                 | 5 00            |
| " "       | " Oneida Indians,.....                      | 10 00           |
| " "       | " St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac,.....      | 14 00           |
| " "       | " Church at Green Bay,.....                 | 12 22           |
| " "       | " St. John's Church, Elkhorn,.....          | 5 22            |
| " "       | " Christ Church, Delavan,.....              | 3 00            |
| " "       | " Church of the Holy Communion, Geneva,.... | 5 00            |
| " "       | " Church at Waukesha,.....                  | 6 00            |
| " "       | " St. Paul's Church, Beloit,.....           | 11 00           |
| " "       | " Trinity Church, Janesville,.....          | 10 00           |
| " "       | " Church at Portage City,.....              | 6 00            |
| " "       | " Church at Whitewater,.....                | 8 00            |
| " "       | " Rev. George P. Schetky,.....              | 13 60           |
| " "       | " St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha,.....      | 3 50            |
| " "       | " St. John's Church, Milwaukee,.....        | 13 50           |
| " "       | " Zion Church, Oconomowoc,.....             | 3 00            |
| " "       | " Rev. A. D. Cole, Nashotah,.....           | 6 87            |
| " "       | " S. S. Grace Church, New Diggings,.....    | 10 00           |
| " "       | " Trinity Church, Oshkosh,.....             | 6 50            |
|           |                                             | <u>\$237 42</u> |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|            |                              |                 |
|------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| July 12th, | Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham,..... | 15 00           |
| " "        | " David Keene,.....          | 27 57           |
| " "        | " William C. Armstrong,..... | 31 25           |
| " "        | " David Keene,.....          | 22 43           |
| " "        | " J. P. T. Ingraham,.....    | 10 00           |
| " "        | Balance on hand,.....        | <u>131 17</u>   |
|            |                              | <u>\$237 42</u> |

D. FERGUSON, *Treasurer.*

## CONVENTION FUND.

*J. S. Colt, Treasurer, in account with the Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin.*

1854.

Dr

|            |                                                                               |                |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sept. 1st, | To cash received from E. C. Arnold, late Treasurer,<br>per Dr. McVickar,..... | <u>\$87 42</u> |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|



|                                                               |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Oct. 13th, To cash received from Dr. Park, of Racine, paid to |                |
| 1855. him by Rev. H. N. Bishop, of Kenosha,.....              | \$5 00         |
| May 31st, " cash received from Christ Church, Green Bay,      |                |
| per E. C. Arnold,.....                                        | 4 00           |
| June 11th, " balance to new account,.....                     | 3 37           |
|                                                               | <u>\$99 79</u> |
| 1854.                                                         | Per Contra Cr. |
| Sept. 2d, By cash paid Rev. R. Park, of Racine, for amount    |                |
| of bill of Advocate Office, for printing,.....                | 84 60          |
| " " " cash paid Rev. R. Park, for advertising and post-       |                |
| age,.....                                                     | 7 32           |
| 1855.                                                         |                |
| May 24th, " cash paid A. Wilson, of Milwaukee, for his        |                |
| bill for cash advanced, &c.....                               | 7 87           |
|                                                               | <u>\$99 79</u> |
| 1855.                                                         |                |
| June 11th, " balance due J. S. Colt,.....                     | 3 37           |

J. S. COLT, *Treasurer.*

## PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS.

REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D., S. T. P.

I beg leave to report that during the last year, I have performed various services which will be found recorded in the various parishes wherein they occurred. I have been occupied mainly in the business of my Professorship at Nashotah, for which I am responsible and render account periodically to the Trustees of that Institution. I regret that the great expense of going to Mineral Point, and the necessity of losing a week's recitations to the Institution should compel me to be absent from the Convention of the Diocese; but so small is my salary, and so greatly are our expenses increased this year, that I cannot in justice to myself, or in duty to the Institution in which I am employed, give up a whole week to the Convention of the Diocese.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.

*Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D., Rector.*

The number of families connected with the parish is estimated at 160. To this number may be added some 20 or 30 families, who by occasional attendance at public worship, or through the children's attendance at the Sunday School, are connected with the parish. The present number of regular communicants is about 150; Baptisms, Infants 26, Adults 6, Total 32; Confirmed 23; Marriages 13; Burials 14; Sunday School teachers 20; Scholars, average attendance 125.

Contributions.—Foreign Missions \$78.00; Domestic Missions \$107.00; Episcopal Fund \$10.00. Special contributions have been made for the Church in Milwaukee, Oregon Ter. \$40.00; St. Anthony, Min. \$30.00; Portland, Oregon, from the Sunday School \$8.00; Oshkosh Wis. \$30.00; to Benevolent, Charitable and Educational objects within the parish and Diocese, as near as ascertained, and including the offerings at the Holy Communion \$732.00; Making the contributions within the past year, beyond the ordinary expenses of the parish \$1035.00. The above sum does not include subscriptions made by the members of the parish for the purchase of a new organ costing \$2,000, and subscriptions for churches, parsonage, and some other objects for which they have given.

The Rector also feels constrained by a sense of gratitude, and in the hope their example may influence others to go and do likewise, to record an act of considerate kindness and generosity on the part of his parishioners in presenting him with a policy of assurance on his life for the sum of \$4,000.

The Rector is encouraged to hope and believe from the increased attendance on the means of grace, and attention to, and inquiries about spiritual things, that the congregation is growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, KENOSHA.

*Rev. H. N. Bishop, Rector.*

Baptisms, Infant 22, Adult 4, Total 26; Confirmations 14; Marriages, in Kenosha 1, at Waukegan, Ill. 2, Total 3; Burials 11, and 1 at Waukegan, Total 12. Families and Individuals renting a pew or part of a pew 95, including 6 indi-

viduals who rent seats. Besides these, there are several families who though they do not rent pews, may yet be regarded as belonging to the congregation, making the whole number of families belonging to the parish, at least 100.—Communicants, added by admission 17, by transfer 4, Total 21; decreased by death 4; by removal 13; present number 84. Children in Sunday School 100; average attendance for the year, from 55 to 65; Teachers, from 10 to 12; Catechised and addressed by the Rector every Sunday.

Amount contributed for various purposes.—Convention Fund \$15; Domestic Missions \$43; Diocesan Missions \$23; Sunday School for Foreign Missions \$13; For Prayer Books \$14; Evangelical Knowledge Society \$5; From individuals for American Bible Society \$15; For the Poor \$30; Sunday School for S. S. purposes \$15.90. The offerings of all Sundays in the year, except on Communion Sundays, are appropriated for defraying the incidental expenses of the Parish, and have amounted to \$179.47. There have also been collected by subscription or otherwise, for the purpose of entirely paying for the Church enlargement, and also for liquidating every dollar of debt against the Parish, not less than \$500, Total \$853.37.

As formerly, so during the past year, the parish have manifested their accustomed liberality in providing for the comfortable support of the Rector and his family. Besides his salary, the Rector gratefully acknowledges himself and family the recipients of many *substantial* acts of kindness from his parishioners and others; and here it is proper to bear testimony to the credit due to the *generality* of the congregation, for the *promptness* with which they have enabled the vestry to meet their engagements with the Rector.

It will be perceived from the above report, that this parish has suffered much during the past year, from the death and removal of its members. *Thirteen* of its communicants have removed and *four* have died since the last Convention; but notwithstanding these discouragements, it is a source of profound gratitude and of strong encouragement, that our communion is steadily increasing, and our regular congregation has more than *trebled* in numbers within the last two years. We hope for greater results in time to come. The population and business of our beautiful city, which some time ago, seemed rather diminishing than otherwise, are now rapidly increasing, and we may reasonably hope for accessions to our communion from abroad.

My Missionary services have been chiefly confined to neighborhoods from 4 to 6 miles from the city. These services are held as often as practicable, and are always well attended with attentive congregations.

I would that I could speak more encouragingly of the state of pure spiritual piety in our midst; but the world and the deceitfulness of its influences, too much affect us. May God revive his work among us, and above all, send us much spiritual prosperity.

*Rev. L. D. Brainard.*

The Rev. L. D. Brainard, Missionary, stationed at Juneau, Horicon, and Mayville, respectfully reports as follows: I entered upon my duties as Missionary on the first of September, and have since that time performed divine services regularly at each place, devoting one-third of my time to each station. The congregations have visibly increased, and I trust the affections of the community are drawn out more and more towards the church. Baptisms, infants, 7; Communicants removed 5, present number 19; Burials 2; Offerings for Domestic missions \$5.50; Foreign Missions \$5.50; For the poor \$16; Total \$27.

GRACE CHURCH, MADISON,

*Rev. James B. Britton, Rector.*

The Rector of this Parish having taken charge on the 1st of June of the present year, arrived in Madison only a day or two before the meeting of the Convention at Mineral Point, and has therefore no official acts to report. So far as he can make out from the Parish Register, about 43 persons belonged to the communion at the period of the last registration, but others are known to be

long to the Church, whose names are not registered, so that perhaps some 50 or 60 persons may now be regarded as members of the communion here. During the past Conventional year there are recorded 2 Adult and 2 Infant baptisms, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper, and 12 Infants by Rev. Mr. Powers, and 4 Marriages by Rev. Mr. Powers, who also attended 15 funerals.

There is no Sunday School at present connected with the Church, and much labor is necessary to gather together the scattered materials for a large and important Parish. The congregation is large, and the Chapel enlarged and refitted, affords us a pleasant place of worship, but a church building will be soon needed should the Lord prosper us.

#### NASHOTAH MISSION.

*Azel D. Cole, President.*

The annual Term of Nashotah House for 1854-5, opened on Oct. 3d, 1854, with twelve candidates for Holy orders, and seventeen young men preparing for candidateship. Three of the candidates have been ordained—one by the Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi, in January last, and two by our own Diocesan on Trinity Sunday. Two candidates have been compelled to retire on account of ill health.

A substantial edifice of brick is now being erected, under the auspices of the Bishop, by alms and offerings sent to our Diocesan for that purpose. When finished it will accommodate thirty-two students, allowing each a comfortable, healthful and well ventilated room—a great want with us hitherto. There is now every reason to expect more than this number of students for the next year. The past year has been one of no little anxiety. The daily wants of so large an Institution are numerous. To meet them requires a constant supply of means. Nashotah has only one source to look unto for the support of her Students and their Teachers—the alms and offerings of the Church. Notwithstanding the severe pressure in the finances of the country, Nashotah has, by the Lord's blessing, struggled through a most trying Winter.

We cannot close this brief report without expressing, in behalf of this Seminary of Theological Instruction, our most sincere thanks to the Rector and congregation of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, and to the Church Ladies of that age and growing city.

#### ST. SYLVANUS' PARISH.

*Rev. A. D. Cole, Rector.*

Families 30; Communicants 80; Baptisms, Infants 1, Adults 2, Total 3; Confirmed 4; Marriages 3; Burials 3.

Offerings for Episcopal Fund \$6; Diocesan Missions \$15.08; Domestic Missions \$5; Foreign Missions \$11.63; Sunday Schools \$12.50; Total \$50.21. Contribution Fund will receive early attention.

#### ZION CHURCH, OCONOMOWOC.

The Trustee of the valuable property of Zion Church, Oconomowoc, reports the Bishop that since the report of June 1854, he has received one hundred and seven dollars and seventy-five cents, which has been applied in accordance with the deed of Trust, making thus far six hundred and sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, all of which is safely secured to the Parish. To complete \$1000, which was asked for from the friends of the Church abroad, \$1.25 are still needed. The Trustee is the more desirous to be able to deed this property to the Parish, not only because the Parish will receive a valuable accession, but also because the liberal layman who has entrusted the property to him is anxious to devote whatever is further received to the purchase of a site for a Church Female Seminary. If his hands could be strengthened but a little from abroad, a great work could now be commenced of vast importance to the Church.

A. D. COLE, Trustee.

## CHURCH OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, DELAFIELD.

*Rev. James De Koven, Rector Elect.*

During the past eight months I have acted as Tutor of Ecclesiastical History at Nashotah House, and have officiated as Minister of the Church of St. John Chrysostom, Delafield. The statistics of the Parish are as follows:

Families 22; Communicants removed 7; Added by removal, &c. 16; Present number 25; Baptisms, Infants 13, Adults 3, Total 16; Confirmed 10; Sunday School Teachers 4; Scholars 40; Parish Library 42 vols. In the Parish School there are 22 children under daily instruction.

Offerings for Domestic Missions \$10; Foreign Missions \$4; Diocesan Missions \$3; Convention Fund \$1.26; Bible and Prayer Book Society \$4; Parochial Purposes \$119.54; Salary of Minister \$182; Total \$326.80.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, FOND DU LAC.

*Rev. Geo. B. Eastman, Rector.*

Number of Families connected with the Parish, about 80; Individuals 336; Communicants removed, 2, Added 27, Present number 72; Baptisms, Infants, 20, Adults 2, Total 22; Confirmed 14; Marriages 5; Burials, Infants 5, Adults 1, Total 6. The Holy Communion administered on the first Sunday of every month. Sunday School Teachers 6; Scholars 25. Offerings of the Parish for Diocesan Missions \$14.00; For Nashotah, \$3; at Communion \$45.39; For Parochial Purposes \$70.67. The Rector entered upon his duties in this Parish on the first Sunday of October last. The above Report embraces 7 Baptisms, 3 Marriages and 1 Burial performed by his predecessor, the Rev. Mr. Sweet.

The prospects of the Parish seem now decidedly encouraging. The Congregation is steadily increasing, and, from present indications, an enlargement of the Church will be imperatively demanded another season. A contract has been made for building a Parsonage house the present season, and we hope by the time the house is completed to secure, mainly in the Parish, the funds necessary to meet the contract.

HOBART PARISH, DUCK CREEK.

*Rev. E. A. Goodnough, Missionary.*

Families 50; Communicants 65; Baptisms, Infants 25, Adults 3, Total 28; Confirmed 16; Marriages 9; Burials 19. I also held service at Lind, Waupesa Co., and Baptized 3 infants.

CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSION, STEVENS' POINT.

*Rev. T. Greene, Rector.*

Families connected with the Church 8; Communicants 10; Baptisms, Infant 6; Marriages 1; Funerals, Infants 5, Adults 1, Total 6; Sunday School Children 60; Teachers 5.

During the past year Divine service has been celebrated twice on each Lord day, and once on the Festival and Fast days appointed by the Church. I have also held occasional services at Wausau and at Little Bull Falls.

Since my last report the Vestry with the kind assistance of the Townspeople, have built a handsome Parish School house on a lot of land presented the Church by the Hon. A. G. Ellis. The School is in a very flourishing condition, has a male and a female Teacher, numbers 95 scholars, and gives a gratuitous education to the children of the poor.

The Hon. Judge Bean has deeded two acres of land to the Church for a Parish Cemetery.

CHRIST CHURCH, GREEN BAY.

*Rev. Wm. Hommann, Rector.*

Families connected with the Parish 49; Individuals 204; Communicants died 1, removed 2, added 3, Present number 54; Baptisms, children 16; Confirmed 3; Marriages 3; Burials 1; Sunday School Teachers 6; Scholars 45; Library about 200 vols.; Parish Library 178 vols.; Pastor's Library 27 vols.

Offerings of the Parish for the Episcopal Fund \$13.00; Diocesan Missions \$12.32; Convention Fund \$4.00; Parish Poor \$12.40; Parochial Purposes \$47.43; Foreign Missions \$10.00; Total \$95.05

The Sunday School at Lower Duck Creek, of which the writer spoke in his report of last year, as likely to be established, went into operation according to our hopes at that time. It is taught by Mrs. Davis,—the widow of our late Brother, the Rev. Solomon Davis,—who, with the assistance of one or two young ladies, devotes every Sunday afternoon to her "*work of faith and labor of love*." The improvement of the scholars in knowledge and deportment is already most encouraging and gratifying. The Rector continues to officiate there once a month with some pleasing indications of good.

The children of the Parish Sunday School continue to feel a lively interest in the Rev. Mr. Breck's labors among the Chippeways in Minnesota; having appropriated the contents of their Missionary box the second time to the aid of said Mission.

The Ladies of this Parish, have by their most laudable and successful efforts, reduced the debt on the Parsonage to less than one hundred dollars. The small balance yet due will, most probably, be paid long before the stipulated time.

To the Ladies of his congregation, the Minister is also indebted for the present within the last year, of a handsome silk gown.

In kindness and liberality according to their means, this parish is not a whit behind the chiefest congregations in the Diocese in these graces of the Gospel. That they may be rewarded from on high, and enriched with "*all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus*," is the prayer of their humble Rector.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MANITOWOC.

*Rev. M. Hoyt, Rector.*

I assumed the charge of this parish the third Sunday in Advent. Since then there have been in this Parish, Baptisms, Adults 2, Infants 2, Total 4; Confirmed 8; Marriages 4; Burials 7; Number of Communicants at present 48, Increase since 2d Sunday in Advent 18; Number of persons renting pews 45, Increase since 2d Sunday in Advent 13; Number of individuals at present in the Parish 205, Increase since 2d Sunday in Advent 65; Number of Sunday School Scholars 64; Teachers 10.

Communion offerings since 2d Sunday in Advent \$32.57; Offerings for poor of Parish \$6.00; Sunday School Library vola. 318; Parish Library vola. 212.

It affords me pleasure to be enabled to state that the prospects of the Parish are highly encouraging. Every pew in the Church is rented, and there are now some desirous of obtaining pews, but cannot do so. To meet this demand, the vestry have contracted for the reseating the Church, by which we obtain 9 additional pews, which will afford sittings for 69 individuals.

#### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WHITEWATER.

*Rev. L. R. Humphrey, Rector.*

By the continued blessing of the Great Head of the Church, I have been enabled to officiate in this Parish on every Sunday during the past Conventional year except two; on both of which I officiated elsewhere. I have also held services on all the High Festivals of the Church, and every day in Passion Week.

Since my last report our ever generous communicants have purchased for the use of the Church, a new Seraphine at the cost of \$100—\$8 of the amount being given me by the Agent of the manufacturers. They have enclosed the Church lot (consisting of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an acre) with a plain but substantial fence, at the cost of about \$75.00, and on the lot they are now erecting a Parsonage at the cost of about \$1000, which will be completed (D. V.) by the middle of July prox. Our congregation is slowly increasing, and I think I can plainly discover in all connected with it, an increase of interest in the general weal of the Parish, and, on the whole, I think the general prosperity of the Parish is truly

onward—that the Divine Head of the Church is really visiting us with His blessing. Not unto us, not unto us, but unto Him be the praise!

Baptisms, Adults 1, Infants 5, Total 6; Number of persons Confirmed 4;—Communicants added 8, Died 1, Present number 41; Burials 3.

Offerings for Parish purposes not including cost of Parsonage, \$215.00; Diocesan Missions \$8.00; Total \$223.00.

**ST. JAMES' PARISH, MILWAUKEE.**

*Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D., Rector.*

The number of Families connected with this Parish at this date is 55; Individuals 190; Communicants 40; Baptisms, Infants 18, Adults 3, Total 21;—Confirmations 2; Marriages 8; Burials 27; Sunday School Teachers 6; Scholars 50; Bible Class Scholars 20; Parish Library vols. 200.

Offerings for poor \$47; Parish Purposes \$83; Domestic Missions \$10; Monies received for Parsonage (collected in Milwaukee) since May, 1854, \$1,373.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.**

*Rev. David Keena, B. D., Rector.*

Communicants 45; Baptisms 11; Marriages 21; Burials 20; Women Church-ed 2; Sunday School Scholars 50; Offerings for Convention Fund \$30; Offerings for Diocesan Missions \$14.50; Offerings for Domestic Missions \$10; Other offerings \$128.84.

From the beginning of Oct. 1854 to the end of Jan. 1855, I was prevented from attending to any of my official duties through severe illness. This, together with my feeble health during the whole of the Convention year, will account for the small amount of work I have to report.

My Mission Station at Oak Creek is now rejoicing in the prospect of securing lands suitable for a Church, Parsonage and Burying Ground, and I hope at no distant day to see suitable buildings erected for the Church at this interesting point.

**REV. LEWIS A. KEMPER.**

During the past year I have continued to act as Teacher in the Preparatory Department of Nashotah.

I have officiated every Sunday, either at Missionary stations, or by assisting some of my brother Clergy.

Since October, by the appointment of the Bishop, I have held services every 4th Sunday at Ashipun, a station 14 miles north of my residence, among a numerous population of Americans and English. We have used the Norwegian Church of St. Oloff's Parish, kindly offered to us by the Rev. Mr. Unonius and his vestry. The situation, however, is not favorable, (most of the congregation being from 2 to 6 miles distant) and steps will probably immediately be taken for the erection of a small Church in a more central position.

The attendance has averaged 80 in winter, 175 in summer. Communicants 15; Baptisms, Adults 5, Infants 6, Total 11; Burials 1; Sunday School Scholars 32. 9 persons are desirous of Confirmation whom I hope to prepare for the sacred rite during the summer.

Other official acts will be recorded by the Rectors in whose Parishes they have been performed.

**TRINITY CHURCH, BERLIN.**

*Rev. P. B. Morrison, Missionary.*

Number of Families 10; Individuals 25; Communicants, removed 2; Present number 8; Baptisms, Adults 4, Infants 4, Total 8; Marriages 1; Sunday School Teachers 2; Scholars 25. A Sunday School Library has been given to us by the Sunday School Union, but not yet received.

Offerings for Convention Fund \$1.50.

This report is from December 17th 1854, at which time I first entered upon

regular duties here. Since coming into Marquette County, I have organized a Parish, St. John's Church, Ripon, in Fond du Lac County, and revived the parish formerly established at Dartford in this County. I have met with unexpected success and encouragement from the people here. I hope to present a Parish (Trinity Church, Berlin) for union with the Convention, before that body closes its session, the Parish being duly organized and incorporated. St. John's Church, Ripon, would have been presented at this time but for some delay caused in making out the necessary papers for incorporation.

For the first three months after my ordination to the Diaconate, I held services at Two Rivers, where I baptized 4 infants, which have been recorded in St. James' Church, Manitowoc; that place I was obliged to leave on account of not being able to stand the climate of the Lake shore. I have also baptized an infant, buried one child, and married one couple at St. Alban's Church, Lincoln, Waukesha County. Besides the above services, I have buried one child at St. John's Church, Milwaukee. All of the above services have been duly recorded.

**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, RACINE.**

*Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, Rector.*

Families 110; Communicants 105; Baptisms, Adults 5, Infants 7, Total 12; confirmed 8; Marriages 4; Burials, Adults 11, Children 9, Total 20; Sunday School Teachers 9; Scholars 95.

Communion alms and offerings \$90.78; Episcopal Fund \$7.05; Publication Journal \$5; Diocesan Missions \$8.10; Repairs in the interior of the Church \$0; Box of Clothing for the Chippewa Mission, from the Young Ladies Society \$40; Total \$350.93.

Since the last Convention, the interior of the Church has been repaired. The floor has been elevated and enlarged, and a new pulpit, altar and lecturn have been made, thus greatly adding to the beauty of the Sanctuary, as well to the comfort of minister and people. The cost of these alterations has been defrayed chiefly by the generous efforts of the ladies.

The Sunday School is in successful operation, under the Superintendence of Octavius Perinchief, a Tutor in Racine College. I feel much indebted to him for his official labors.

I deeply regret my inability to attend the present Convention. Having but returned, after two months' absence, from Connecticut, whither I was summoned by the death of my honored father, and having now sickness in my family, I feel it my duty to remain at home.

**RACINE COLLEGE.**

*Rev. Roswell Park, D. D., President.*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the past year he has been industriously engaged in the duties of his office, besides affording occasional assistance to his clerical brethren. During the past winter he generally held two services, each Sunday, in the College Chapel. The College is in a prosperous condition; its debt having been reduced within the past year from \$1200 to 0, partly by donations, of \$100 each, from Wm. H. Mason, Esq., of Thompson, Conn., and Gen. Philo White of Racine; but chiefly by means of Donations obtained through the agency of Rev. S. C. Millett; including \$100 each from Mr. Barker of Buffalo, and Robert B. Minturn Esq., of New York.

There are now 61 students in actual attendance; a number greater by 10 than in the season last year; while several are withdrawn during the summer season, for agricultural labor. Eight students are expected to graduate in the latter course of studies, at the approaching Commencement, on Thursday the 1st of July, to which all Friends of the College, and the Clergy especially are invited. The College Library now numbers 1000 volumes, and is steadily increasing. The next session will commence, if the Lord will, on the 19th of September ensuing; and the support of the Diocese is still solicited for the College founded under its auspices.



## REV. E. S. PEAKE.

During the past year I have continued teaching in the Preparatory Course at Nashotah Mission, and have spent a portion of time in attending to the Parish at Oconomowoc, the report of which is as follows:

## ZION CHURCH, OCONOMOWOC.

*Rev. E. S. Peake, Rector.*

Number of Families connected with the Church 25; Individuals belonging to the Church 84; Regular Communicants 25; Died 1, Removed 4, added 13;—Baptisms, Adults 11, Children 20, Total 31; Confirmed 17; Burials, Infants 2, Adults 1, Total 3; Sunday Scholars 40.

Offerings for Diocesan Missions \$3; Domestic Missions \$5; For sick and poor \$28; Support of Rector \$74; Parochial purposes \$8,47; Total \$118,47.

The Rector would state in addition to these statistics that efforts are in progress to prepare a suitable building for a Church Female Seminary. The building is to be of brick, and to be erected on the lots in front of the Church. The cost of the building is estimated at \$2000, of which \$1550 have been already subscribed in the vicinity, and we hope to secure the remaining \$500 in the course of a few weeks. It is to be under the supervision of the Bishop of the Diocese. The Teachers are to be selected by a Board of Visitors, consisting of the Bishop, the President of Nashotah House, and the Rector of the Parish. The whole plan and manner of conducting the school is to be such as the Board of Visitors shall approve, and every effort will be made to make it worthy of the patronage of the Church throughout the Diocese.

## CHRIST CHURCH, DELAVAN.

*Rev. G. E. Peters.*

I have continued my services as usual at Delavan and Elkhorn until Easter last; since then I have confined my labors to the Parish at Elkhorn, intending to do Missionary work in the adjoining towns. During the time I officiated in Delavan the Parish made several improvements in and about the Church, such as procuring a Bell, Melodeon and Lumber for enclosing the site.

The ladies have purchased a Gown, Carpet, and Material for Cushioning the Seats.

About \$80, I think, has been paid on the old debt; a valuable Communion Service has been presented to them by some Friends at the east.

The following list completes my report of this Parish:—The number of families, 24; Communicants, died, 1; present number, 21; Baptisms, infants, 1; Confirmed, 2; Marriages, 1; Burials, adult, 1.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELKHORN.

*Rev. G. E. Peters, Rector.*

This Church affords an example of what union and perseverance will accomplish. Although few in numbers, the Parish have purchased a lot, and built upon it a very neat little Church. It is furnished with a Bell, Melodeon and Lamps; and is Carpeted and Cushioned throughout, and also, what is pleasing to note, the Parish is not in debt.

The families connected with the Parish are 21; Communicants, removed 2, added 4; present number 24; Baptisms, children, 3; Confirmed, 3; Marriages, 2; Burials, adult, 1; Sunday School Teachers, 7; Scholars, about 60; Parish Library 24 vols.

## TRINITY CHURCH, MINERAL POINT,

*Rev. Josiah Phelps, Rector.*

Number of families connected with the Parish, 36; Communicants, removed 2, added 3, present number 44; Baptisms, infants 14, adults 3, total 17; Confirmed, 12; Marriages, 4; Burials, infants, 3; Sunday School Teachers, 5; Scholars, 40.

Offerings for Episcopal Fund, \$8 00; for Diocesan Missions, \$20 00; for the

Board of Domestic Missions, \$10 00; for Convention Fund, \$4 00; for Racine College, \$7 40; for Parochial purposes, \$68 15; total, \$117 55.

Besides this sum there have been collections and subscriptions for Parish purposes, raised and paid over by the Wardens and Vestry to the amount of \$650 00, for building purposes.

We are rejoicing at the accomplishment of our prayers and labors, long delayed, in the possession of a Church consecrated to the worship of Almighty God according to the doctrines, laws, and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, LISBON.

*Rev. Henry C. Shaw, Rector.*

Having been in charge of this Parish only since the last Easter, I report the labors of others more than my own.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 17; Burials, 8; Communicants, 68; Sunday School Children, 50.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BELLEVUE.

*Rev. John E. C. Smedes, Rector.*

Families connected with the Parish 47; Communicants 56; Baptisms, Adults 2, Children 8, Total 10; Confirmed 7; Marriages, in the Parish 2, others 6, Total 8; Funerals, Adults 2, Infants 1, Total 3.

Offerings at the Communion, applied to charitable and Parochial uses \$28.80; Foreign Missions \$5; Episcopal Fund \$3.28; Total \$37.08. Special Offerings: For Sunday School books \$10.07; Diocesan Missions \$11; Domestic Missions \$10.50; Convention Fund \$5; Total \$73.65.

Sunday School; 5 Teachers; 40 Scholars.

This report covers the period from July 30, 1854, to the present date, June 13, 1855, during which the undersigned has ministered in this Parish as Rector elect, and Missionary of the Domestic Committee.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, WAUKESHA.

*Rev. Chas. B. Stout, Rector.*

The number of families connected with the Parish, in whole or part, in Town and Country, is 25; Communicants, including new ones added by removal into Parish, and on profession 33; lost by removal 6, by death 1, Total 7; Baptisms, Infants 3; Marriages 5; Confirmed 4; Burials 4.

Notwithstanding these changes, the Parish is really in a better condition than ever before; prejudices are gradually giving way, the Church is regarded with more favor in the community than at any time in its previous history, and we may hope, now that the Church edifice is nearly completed, that there will be a gradual, if not rapid growth. The amount needed to pay existing contracts for finishing, is nearly provided for, and will be, I think, entirely within the next two weeks, so that the Church so long in building, amidst many discouragements and hindrances, will be duly consecrated to the worship of Almighty God at the time appointed by the Bishop, 28th inst. The results of my effort in behalf of the Parish for aid, have now realized the liberal sum of \$2000. I trust that the generosity of the contributors will not be in vain, but that in future time many will have cause for thankfulness, that this branch of the living vine was planted, and that friends were raised up in its hour of darkness, to revive the Parish from the almost utter prostration into which it was thrown by an unwise policy.

I am happy in saying that my own health, which has suffered so severely for more than six months from chill and fever, has much improved, and I may hope for an early exemption from a most debilitating disease.

Contributions the past year, and paid over to the proper authorities, for Diocesan Missions \$9.50; Domestic Board \$7; Episcopal Missionary Association \$5; Foreign \$5; Total for Missions \$26.50; Incidental expenses \$3.50; Total \$30.00. Paid on Rector's salary \$250; Subscriptions in the Parish towards finishing the Church about \$300; Total \$580.

## CHURCHES OF THE HOLY COMMUNION AT GENEVA AND BLOOM PRAIRIE.

*Rev. Wm. H. Studley, Rector.*

Respectfully reports to his Bishop that with slight interruption he has officiated at Geneva and Bloom Prairie since September last. At Geneva we have always been favored with good congregations, and an interest has been exhibited which affords an earnest of larger congregations in future.

The main thing wanting here is a Church edifice. The present building is far too small and uncouth to hope for much farther progress as long as we remain in it. The floating mass in our midst will patronize the more comfortable and convenient houses of worship, possessed by our dissenting brethren.—The Ladies have commenced a sewing circle, which is very flourishing, in order to manifest their interest, and the men stand ready to subscribe to the best of their ability when the prospect of a Church edifice appears clear.

The number of families connected with Geneva Parish is about 40; Communicants 14; Baptisms, Infants 5, Adults 1, Total 6; Confirmations 4; Marriages 5; Burials 5; Sunday School Scholars between 30 and 40; Teachers 4.

Offerings for Sunday School Library \$8.78; For Diocesan Missions \$5; For Parish poor \$17.39; For Protestant Episcopal Tract Society \$2; For Ojibwa Mission \$1.25; Total \$34.42.

I take great pleasure in stating that a donation of a beautiful copy of the Holy Scriptures, and of its meet companion the Book of Common Prayer, has been made to this Parish by Mr. Wm. H. Whiting, a zealous layman of the Church of the Holy Communion, New York. Also, by the same gentleman, a very neat Surplice has been furnished, to be used between the Parishes of Geneva and Bloom Prairie.

Of Bloom Prairie I am forced to speak discouragingly. My congregations there have been quite small. During the winter I have often times had a congregation of scarcely a half dozen and some times none. The people there are too few and scattered to give hope of a flourishing church for the present.

Families connected with the Parish 7; Communicants 7; No Baptisms; No Confirmations; No Marriages; No Burials; No Sunday School.

Offerings 92 cts.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTAGE,

*Rev. Hugh M. Thompson, Rector.*

Since my return to the Diocese in August last, I have been, at the Bishop's request, doing duty as minister of St. John's Church in this city, not, I trust, without the blessing of God, upon the work. The following are the statistics of St. John's Parish:

Families connected as worshipping, contributing, &c. 47; Individuals, about 350; Communicants, added by transfer 5, by Baptism and Confirmation 12, died 2, present number 36; Baptisms, Adults 8, Infants 10, Total 18; Confirmed 16; Married, in Portage 3, in Baraboo 1, Total 4; Buried 11. Services have been held regularly on all Sundays, on the greater feasts and fasts, on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, and the Holy Communion has been once celebrated by the Bishop. Sunday School Teachers 4; Scholars 30 in average attendance;—Volumes in Library 100; Children catechised monthly.

Offerings—Subscriptions paid on the new Church \$514.83: Two lots given by R. F. Veeder, value about \$1000; For Sunday School and Prayer Books \$41.93; For poor in Portage 13.75; For Diocesan Missions \$6; For Bishop's expenses on visitation, according to Canon, \$7.95; For general Parish purposes \$18.41; Total \$1602.87. The subscription for our proposed Church amounts to over \$2000, of which, some \$500 have been paid. We have hopes of raising it to \$3000, and I believe we certainly can to \$2500. Two valuable lots have been given us for a site as was just stated. We hoped to have laid the corner stone on Wednesday the 6th inst., but were disappointed by the unavoidable absence of the Bishop. The work, however, is progressing, and we only wait the convenience of the Bishop for the performance of that interesting ceremony.

Our appeal to the East for aid resulted in the receipt of \$15, in answer to some 500 circulars! We are thankful for what we have received, and only sorry that a greater draft was not made upon our thankfulness.

Of course our new Church is now the great object, but we do not lose sight of another, viz. a Parish school, which we hope to begin this summer. I do nothing more than right in stating that in addition to the sums given for other purposes or promised, a few friends have secured a pleasant spot for a home-stead, and have deeded it to my wife, they paying the first installments on the purchase money, and two others have kindly aided me in building.

In addition to services at Portage and Baraboo, I have read Service and preached twice in Madison, my first charge, twice in St. Paul's Milwaukee, once in St. John's, and once in Newport.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BARABOO.

*Rev. Hugh M. Thompson, Rector.*

I have read prayers and preached in Baraboo 18 times, besides reading service at your visitation there. I have also performed the Marriage Service once. In consequence of Services there, a Parish was organized last January by the name of St. Paul's. There are some ten families now actually connected with it, among whom are 9 communicants and three desirous of becoming so. The attendance at service numbers usually about 150. The Junior Warden gives the use of a fine hall, and has promised lots for a site to build upon. The opening seems to be a most promising one, and if there was but the man to improve it I have no doubt St. Paul's might be made shortly a flourishing Parish. The town itself is most delightful, and the population noted for industry and morality. They look to me for services, in their inability to secure a resident Clergyman, but how can I perform duty there while engaged in building in addition all other duties at Portage!

Offerings for support of services, \$26.50.

TRINITY CHURCH, OSHKOSH.

*Rev. D. W. Telford, Rector.*

The first stated Episcopal services in this place were held by the Rev. Mr. Sweet, then Rector of the Church at Fond du Lac. His declining health induced him in a short time to suspend such services. Shortly afterwards the Rev. Mr. Calahan, from Maryland, removed to the neighboring Township of Algoma, and commenced services here, which he continued for about eighteen months, when other duties induced him to suspend them. No farther services were held up to the time of my taking charge, about thirteen months since, with the exception of services by the Bishop at his annual visitations.—I found the field comparatively new, but in many respects an interesting one. We re-organized as Trinity Church.

General Report.—Date of organization 1854, Families 60; Communicants 40; Baptisms 5; Marriages 3; Burials 6; Sunday School 80. Offerings for Diocesan Missions \$6.50. We have been presented with a very sweet-toned Melodeon by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, (Dr. Arnett) for which we are truly thankful. Our music is well sustained. The Sunday School acknowledges with much pleasure and many thanks, a donation of 100 volumes of Sunday School Books from the Sunday School of St. Thomas' Church, Ravenswood, Long Island, N. Y. (Rev. I. M. Waite). I receive from the Parish \$300 towards my salary. Within the year, I have also received \$100 in cash, and about \$50 in family supplies, at a "Donation Party," besides presents, at other times to the amount of about \$50. We acknowledge these latter evidences of kindness and confidence with great pleasure. We have obtained, at home, a subscription of two thousand five hundred dollars towards a Church edifice, and hope to carry it up to three thousand or more—are ready to commence the building so soon as we can obtain the title to our lot, of which we have the promise. We purpose to build a Gothic edifice of brick, without debt.

## CLERICAL REPORTS.

## ST. OLOFF'S CHURCH, ASHIPPUK.

*Rev. G. Unonius, Rector.*

Since the month of June last year I have officiated one Sunday every month in this Parish, to the Rectorship of which I was called last October. Being engaged in another Parish out of this Diocese, I accepted the call on condition that my time should be divided between the two, St. Oloff's to have a claim upon my services only once a month. Circumstances have hitherto not permitted me to make myself sufficiently acquainted with the scattered fragments of what some years back was a numerous body under my charge, and I am not now able to return a full statistical report.

The difficulties which have been in our way, and the causes that have reduced this Parish to its present state, are sufficiently known by you and the Church of this Diocese, and need not here to be related. Still, with all the sad disappointments which we have suffered, I look upon the little remnant of our flock, as one deserving our deep interest and sympathy, and on this field of labor as one in which God already has given us a small harvest, for which we ought to be thankful, and not doubt of his blessing on our work for the future. The few Norwegian families and individuals that yet remain faithful in the communion of our Church, express a strong attachment towards the same. The number of families is about 25; the present number of Communicants I calculate to be about 60. During the course of the year I have baptized 6 infants, and performed one marriage. Tuesday in Whitsun-week the Bishop administered the holy rite of Confirmation to five persons.

As for others in the neighborhood of Ashippun, not being Norwegians by birth, who, if not entirely uniting themselves with the Parish, still have attended our services, I refer to the report of Rev. L. Kemper, who also regularly every month has officiated at St. Oloff's.

## CHRIST CHURCH, NEW CALIFORNIA.

*Rev. Ebenezer Williams, Rector.*

Through the blessing of our gracious Lord upon my humble endeavors to collect the scattered members attached to our Holy Church, and also to induce others to join in her solemn services, I have now the happiness to see a large congregation, assembled at present in a school house, but who are very desirous to worship in a place consecrated entirely to the service of Almighty God.

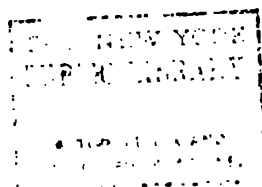
Measures have been taken to have this Church, designated Christ Church, New California, received into this Convention at its present session. During the last year there have been stated services every Sunday, free of all emoluments whatsoever, at my house, at Christ Church Parish, and I have performed services at Lima township, and at Lancaster, all in Grant county.

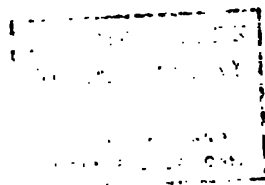
At my own house I married two couples, administered the rites of baptism to 4 children, and solemnized the Holy Eucharist to 5 persons, on Easter Sunday. Baptized one child at Lancaster, 12 at Christ Church Parish; Total 13 Baptisms and 2 Marriages. Collections at Christ Church Parish for ~~Mission~~ \$4.20.

I am without Sunday School Books, Prayer Books or Bibles. The last Bible I had to spare, was bestowed upon a poor woman who frequents our services at my house, and who had been without one for five years.

**PARISHES ACCORD  
SENIORITY.**

Christ Church, Green  
St. Paul's, Milwaukee,  
Tobart Church, Duck  
St. Matthew's, Kenosha  
St. Paul's, Beloit, . . .  
St. John's, Elkhorn, . . .  
St. Luke's, Whitewater  
St. Alban's, Lisbon, . . .  
St. Luke's, Racine, . . .  
St. Matthias', Waukesha  
Trinity Church, Janesville  
St. Oloff's, Ashippun,  
Christ Church, Delavan  
Trinity, Mineral Point  
Grace Church, Madison  
St. Sylvanus', Nashota  
Trinity Church, Oconomowoc  
Grace Church, Sheboygan  
St. John's, Milwaukee,  
St. Paul's, Watertown  
St. James', Manitowish  
Trinity Church, Green Island  
St. Paul's, Fond du Lac  
Holy Communion, Germantown  
St. Emmanuel Church, Oshkosh  
Holy Communion, Blooming  
St. James', Milwaukee  
Trinity Church, Marquette  
Grace Church, Dartford  
St. J. Chrysostom, De Pere  
Trinity Church, Stevens Point  
Trinity Church, Oshkosh  
St. John's, Portage, . . .  
Trinity Church, Berlin  
Trinity Church, New Canaan  
St. Paul's, Baraboo, . . .  
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## SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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| ilies in 24 parishes,.....                           | 1106 | } Total,..... | 1326         |
| nated in 11 parishes,.....                           | 220  |               |              |
| nunicants in 29 parishes,.....                       | 1328 | } Total,..... | 1448         |
| nated in 6 parishes,.....                            | 120  |               |              |
| ams in 29 parishes,.....                             | 369  | } Total,..... | 399          |
| nated in 6 parishes,.....                            | 30   |               |              |
| rmed in 22 parishes,.....                            | 184  | } Total,..... | 187          |
| where,.....                                          | 3    |               |              |
| riages in 25 parishes,.....                          | 114  | } Total,..... | 129          |
| nated in 10 parishes,.....                           | 15   |               |              |
| ds in 26 parishes,.....                              | 201  | } Total,..... | 221          |
| nated in 9 parishes,.....                            | 20   |               |              |
| ay Scholars in 21 parishes,.....                     | 1056 | } Total,..... | 1266         |
| nated in 14 parishes,.....                           | 210  |               |              |
| chial donations in 23 parishes, including assistance |      |               |              |
| om abroad,.....                                      |      |               | \$12,848 44* |
| lonary and other contributions in 21 parishes,.....  |      |               | 1,543 97     |

is possible that some minor items in this amount may have been repeated, having been entered both in the Parish which gave, and in that which received the donation.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church in this Diocese beg to report, that they are most happy to witness its evident increase and prosperity; as will be shown more fully by the Bishop's Address, and by the Parochial Reports, with the Summary of the thereto appended. (See above.)

From the Bishop's Address, it appears that there have been confirmed in the Diocese, during the past year, 187 persons, of whom 16 were male Indians, and 5 Norwegians. This number is an increase upon the previous year, of 73 persons. There has evidently been a corresponding increase in the number of families, communicants, baptisms, Sunday scholars; although the Parochial Reports of the preceding year were so incomplete that no exact comparison can be made.

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The increase of donations and contributions, especially, is beyond measure greater than has been reported in any preceding year. The number of Parishes has also increased from 32 to 85; and the number of the Clergy, from 35 to 40.

The Nashotah Mission, our invaluable Theological Seminary, has been pursuing its high career of usefulness with continued success, and, with the prospect of a large attendance of Students for the ensuing year. It has already sent forth 29 Graduates, to recruit the ranks of the ministry. The additional building now in progress will present a new claim on the Friends of the Church for the necessary support of the young men who are there preparing, in increasing numbers, for the reception of Holy Orders. (See the report of Rev. Dr. Cole, p. 23.) Our College at Racine is also in a prosperous condition, with a steady increase in the number of its Students, with its Library substantially enlarged, and with the incumbrance of a considerable debt nearly removed, as we are happy to learn by the Report of its President, Rev. Dr. Park, (p. 27.) And at Oconomowoc, five miles from Nashotah, strenuous efforts are being made to establish a Female School of a high order, with good prospects of success; as is more fully shown in the Report of the Rev. Mr. Peake, (p. 28.) In addition to the above, there is other evidence of the growth and prosperity of the Diocese, as seen in the increase of Parsonages; the securing of lots for the same; the beginning and completion, and repairing of Church Buildings; and the obtaining of land for Church and Parish Schools, as well as for Churches, and also in some instances for Cemeteries.

In connection with all of which, the Committee would refer with gratitude to the generous gifts of eastern Friends for Church purposes in the Diocese; gifts which have, in many Parishes, laid the foundation of permanent, temporal prosperity, and have become a nucleus which has already increased a hundred fold. Yet we would remember that we have but entered upon the borders of our heritage. Barely one-third of our State is yet settled. Multitudes of towns and cities are to spring up still farther west and north, and for which lots for Churches, Parsonages and Parish Schools must be obtained. These can now be secured for comparatively a trifling sum, and toward this, as repeatedly urged by our Bishop, the attention of the friends of the Church in the west, both at home and abroad, is respectfully directed.

In view of all things relative to the Diocese, therefore, and not the least of which is the harmony, unity and interest in the Diocese, our present Convention, the Committee beg leave to say, that the smile of God has been and is, evidently upon us; while we pray that it may ever so continue. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. T. INGRAHAM, *Chairman*.  
W. W. ARNETT,  
D. KEENE.

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**OF THE**  
**DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE, 1847.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

*Acceding to the General Constitution.*

The Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, desirous of entering into federal union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, does accordingly accede to, recognize and adopt the General Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

**ARTICLE II.**

*Annual Convention.*

There shall be an annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the Second Wednesday of June.

**ARTICLE III.**

*Members of Convention.*

**Sec. 1.** The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Laity.

**Sec. 2.** Every Clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese and having charge of some Parish, (or officiating as a Missionary within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy, or seminary of learning constituted or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States,) shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention. In every case, however, where a Clergyman is not able to hold a cure of souls, arising from bodily infirmity, or age, he shall not for such cause be excluded from a seat in this Convention.

**Sec. 3.** The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four

Deputies from each congregation in this Diocese in union with this Convention, a certificate of whose appointment shall be signed by either the Minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the vestry, and laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

## ARTICLE IV.

*President of Convention.*

The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, shall, ex-officio, preside in Convention, and be entitled to vote on all questions. The Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote, and in the absence of the Bishop, shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop and of the Assistant Bishop, or their inability to act, then the members shall elect from the Presbyters, a President pro tempore.

## ARTICLE V.

*Transaction of Business.*

SEC. 1. The Bishop, with such Clergymen and Lay Deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The Clergy and Lay Deputies shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such.

SEC. 3. On a call of any five members, the Convention shall vote by orders. In such a case the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure, and each Parish shall be entitled to only one vote.

SEC. 4. On every question, the votes of a majority of those present or when voting by orders, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide the question.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.*

SEC. 1. At each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen from among its members, who shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings and when approved, to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of the Bishop all originals, and to his successor all books and papers relating to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession. An Assistant Secretary may also be chosen, if requested by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. A Treasurer of this Convention shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the Secretary of the Convention, for the use of the Convention, and shall present a statement of his accounts at each annual Convention.

SEC. 3. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to ap-

point a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all money, bonds, mortgages, notes, or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal, or incapacity.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Standing Committee.*

SEC. 1. The Convention shall elect annually, a Standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and four Laymen; who, when there is no Bishop, or he incapable of acting, shall be the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, for all purposes declared in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The said Presbyters must be of those entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese.

SEC. 3. The Lay members of the Committee must be communicants of some church in the Diocese, in union with the Convention.

SEC. 4. The Committee, at their first meeting, shall choose a President from among the Clerical members, and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for this purpose, which book and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention.

SEC. 5. The Bishop shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in this body during the recess of the Convention.

SEC. 6. The whole being summoned, three of the Committee, both orders being represented—shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Deputies to General Convention.*

SEC. 1. At every Annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

SEC. 2. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters, canonical connected with this Diocese, and having parochial charges.

SEC. 3. In case of a failure or neglect of the Convention to elect Deputies, those already in office shall continue until successors are chosen.

SEC. 4. The Convention shall also elect, by ballot, a like number of Supplementary Deputies of each order, to serve as Deputies contingently.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop in writing, at least six weeks before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment, and intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many of the Supplementary Deputies, as shall be necessary to insure a full representation of the Diocese; and the persons so designated shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by the Convention.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Special Conventions.*

SEC. 1. The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention.

SEC. 2. There shall be no less than six weeks notice, previous to the day appointed, given to the several churches by a circular letter.

SEC. 3. Such special Convention shall be holden at a place designated by the Ecclesiastical Authority calling it; and at such special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

## ARTICLE X.

*Admission of Parishes.*

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes: provided they shall have laid before the Convention a Constitution, subscribed by the Wardens, wherein they expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and are duly incorporated, and regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and at least three Vestrymen.

## ARTICLE XI.

*Election of a Bishop.*

SEC. 1. After the first, no other election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made, unless in an annual Convention, or in a special Convention called for the purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing, and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to every Clergyman and Vestry of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The election shall be made in the following manner:—The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office; and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. If two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to vote be represented, then a majority of each order shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the Clergy and congregations present, then two-thirds of the vote of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Alteration of Constitution.*

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner:—The proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted to the annual Convention; and if approved of by a majority of both orders, shall lie over to the next annual Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each order, shall become valid and obligatory.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.*

Sec. 1. All real estate granted, personal property, or monies given or bequeathed, to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, any specified object, shall forever be and remain inviolably appropriated to such specified object, and shall not by authority of the Convention, or any other power, be diverted from such specified object, or employed by the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," in any commercial business whatever.

Sec. 2. This article shall in no case be altered or amended, except as it is provided in Article XII of this Constitution; and in addition thereto, a vote of two-thirds of each order shall be required to make such alteration or amendment.

*Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.*

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NOTE.—The Thirteenth Article of this Constitution was added by the Diocesan Convention of 1849, as *Instructions to "The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."*

## CANON IX.

*The duty of Secretary and Treasurer of the Annual Convention.  
Adopted in 1852.*

SEC. 1. The Treasurer appointed in accordance with Section 2, of Article VI of the Constitution, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give security as prescribed by said section 2, in such sums as the Convention shall prescribe, for the faithful performance of his duties, and the due accounting for all moneys which may come to his hands as such Treasurer; and when at any time, during the recess of the Convention, it shall be deemed necessary by the Standing Committee of the Diocese to increase the amount of such security, the said committee shall have power to increase the amount as aforesaid; and the Treasurer shall, within ten days after notice of such determination by said committee, give such security. The Treasurer shall also procure and keep a properly bound book, in which shall be entered accounts and statements in detail of all moneys received and disbursed by him. He shall keep accounts with the several parishes, in which he shall charge them with the amounts assessed against them respectively, and shall credit them with the amount by them paid respectively.

SEC. 2. The Secretary's journals and records, and the Treasurer's book, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and of the Convention, and any Committee thereof.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall, within thirty days after the annual Convention shall have adjourned sine die, furnish the Treasurer a certified statement of all accounts allowed by the Convention, and the Treasurer shall pay the same, (and any claims and accounts duly allowed and certified by the Standing Committee during the recess of the Convention,) but none other, out of any moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

## CANON X.

*Alteration of Canons.*

No alterations in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

1st. A Committee on the Admission of Parishes into union with the Convention.

2d. A Committee on Diocesan Missions.

3d. A Committee on Finance, to whom shall be referred the accounts of the various Funds.

4th. A Committee on Canons, to whom shall be referred all proposed new Canons, or amendments of the Canons, or Constitution.

#### CANON IV.

##### *Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In every Congregation, the Church Wardens shall, at the expense of the Parish, provide a proper book, in which the Minister, or if the Parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the names of all persons Baptized, Married, and Buried, together with a list of persons Confirmed, and of those who are Communicants of the Church, with the date of every event recorded, which shall be under the signature of the person recording. From this Register, there shall, annually, be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of Convention, a full and accurate statement of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and of persons Confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion.

#### CANON V.

##### *Persons repelled the Holy Communion.*

When a person who has been repelled the Holy Communion, appeals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him, the Bishop may, and if the person demands, it shall be his duty to appoint three Presbyters, who shall make inquiries into the truth of the charges alleged, and shall make a report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop.

#### CANON VI.

##### *Diocesan Missions. Amended in 1849.*

Sec. 1. The Board of Missions for this Diocese, shall consist of the Bishop, together with the Standing Committee; of which Board the Bishop shall be, ex-officio, President.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee may at any time resolve itself into the Board of Missions, at the request of the Bishop; and in case this request be made by letter, then the Board may act upon such business only as the Bishop may designate.

Sec. 3. No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board, unless he shall first have been nominated by the Bishop.

Sec. 4. The former Canon of 1847, on this subject, is hereby repealed by this of 1849.

#### CANON VII.

##### *Mode of Trying Clergymen.*

Sec. 1. If a Clergyman of this Church, offend against any Canon of the General Convention of the Church, or against any Canon of this Diocese, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing by any two persons, who shall be Communicants, and one of them shall be a Presbyter of this Church.



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**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 25, 1847.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

*Acceding to the General and Diocesan Constitution, Canons, &c.*

**This Parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, expressly accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.**

**ARTICLE II.**

*Use of the Church Building.*

**The Church Building or House of Worship, belonging to this Parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved of, by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.**

**ARTICLE III.**

*Rector and Minister.*

**SEC. 1.** The Rector is ex-officio, President of the Vestry, and of the Congregation, and has the casting vote in case of a tie, on all questions brought before it.

**SEC. 2.** The Minister has the spiritual oversight of this Parish, and the Church Building shall be open to him for Public Common Prayer, Catechetical or other religious instruction, for Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals, and all other rites and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, at such times as he may deem proper.

doubt as to what that "*General Usage*" is, he shall not decide it for himself and for his congregation by his private opinion, but shall refer it to the *Interpreters* in this Canon appointed, who shall give to him an authoritative decision thereupon, founded upon the same principle of "*General Usage*." Provided, always, that there be, as aforesaid, no native interpretation upon the point in question, either by Canon, or by Declaration, or by Opinion of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 3. The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, in council with the Standing Committee, are hereby established as *Interpreters* of this Diocese of the Ritual Usage of the Church. And their decisions so pronounced, and given in writing, shall be binding upon the Clergy of the Diocese in their performance of the Services of the Church.

Sec. 4. All decisions shall, for the information of the Clergy, be given in writing, by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to all Clergymen canonically connected with this Diocese, and shall also be printed along with the Journal of the proceedings of the Annual Diocesan Convention, under the head of, "*DECISIONS OF THE CHURCH OF WISCONSIN IN REFERENCE TO RITUAL USAGE, BINDING UPON HER CLERGY, ACCORDING TO CANON VIII OF THIS DIOCESE.*"

Sec. 5. This Canon shall in no wise be taken to refer to any question of doctrine, but solely and entirely to ritual interpretation as it affects practice. And it shall be considered as binding upon and referring to those Clergy only who are canonically connected with this Diocese.

Sec. 6. Transgressions of this Canon are hereby declared offences which a minister may be tried and punished.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, upon being fully apprized, in the manner as required by Canon VII., Sec. 1., of this Diocese, of any breach of Ritual Uniformity, to notify the Bishop of such complaint. And if the complaint is for the violation of a solemn interpretation already given and made known, the Bishop shall thereupon, by letter, notify said Clergyman that complaint has been made to the Standing Committee of a breach of Ritual uniformity upon that part. But in case the complaint is upon a point not having been solemnly interpreted and made known, then the Bishop and Standing Committee shall meet and decide upon the "general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States" upon the point in question: which done, the Bishop shall, by letter, inform said Clergyman of the complaint, and of the Decision of the Interpreters of General Usage. And the Bishop's notice, in either case, shall be considered a warning to said Clergyman to conform to the ritual practice of this Diocese as established and declared. And if a Clergyman, so warned, does not, within *thirty days* notify the Bishop, by letter, of his intention to conform, he shall be proceeded against for breach of this Canon, in the manner provided by Canon VII., of this Diocese,—of mode of trying Clergymen."

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## CANON X.

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No alterations in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

**ORGANIZATION AND INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
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**OF THE**  
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The Committee appointed by the Diocesan Convention of 1855, "to obtain a correct interpretation of the Law providing for the Incorporation of Churches or Congregations, and to append to the Journal full instructions as to every step necessary to be taken in the *Organization and Incorporation of Parishes*," respectfully report :

**ORGANIZATION.**

No Parish or Church is ever organized except with the intention, sooner or later, of obtaining the services of a Clergyman to minister at its Altar. Care should, therefore, be taken, not to interfere with the Canonical rights of any other Clergyman by organizing within the bounds of his Parish.

"Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law or otherwise;" the *General Canon IX* of 1853, provides that, 1. "If a city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or any ward, district, or other subdivision of either of the same, shall contain but one church or congregation, the minister having charge of such church or congregation shall be deemed to have the parochial cure within the same. 2. Any city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or the smallest subdivision of either of the same, in which there are two or more churches or congregations, shall be deemed the parochial cure of the ministers of such churches or congregations, and the assent of a majority of such ministers shall be necessary.

The same Canon forbids any Clergyman, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, to officiate, "either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise, in the Parish or within the parochial cure of another Clergyman, unless he has received express permission for that purpose from the Minister of the Parish or cure, or, in his absence, from the church wardens and vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation, or a majority thereof.

The course, therefore, to be taken, when about to organize a parish is :

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**IN THE**  
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# INCORPORATION.

The only law now in force providing for the Incorporation of Churches or Congregations, is Chap. 47 of the Revised Statutes of this State; the Act of the late Territory of Wisconsin, approved February 8th 1847, having been repealed by Sec. 9 of Chap. 157 of the Revised Statutes.

Sec. 23 of Chap. 47 of the Revised Statutes provides, that, "Whenever by the Constitution, rules and usages of any particular church or religious denomination, the minister or ministers, elders and deacons, or other officers elected by any Church or Congregation, according to such Constitution, rules or usages, are thereby constituted the Trustees of such Church or Congregation; it shall be lawful for such Minister or Ministers, Elders and Deacons, or other officers, to assemble together and execute, under their hands and seals, a certificate, stating therein the name by which they and their successors in office, shall forever thereafter be called and known, which certificate shall be acknowledged or proved, and recorded as herein before directed; whereupon such persons and their successors in office, shall be a body corporate, by the name expressed in such certificate, with all the rights, powers and privileges of other religious corporations, constituted according to the provisions of this chapter."

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, being, in virtue of their office, constituted the Trustees of the Church, within the meaning of the law, they are the proper persons to assemble and execute the certificate required by the Act.

The manner of proceeding, in order that a Church or Congregation may become Incorporated under the provisions above recited, is as follows:

1st, When a Church or congregation has been duly organized, according to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as a Parish or Church in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen will assemble together, and execute under their hands and seals a certificate in the following form:

To all to whom these presents shall come.—Know ye, that we, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of (*name the Church*) Church of (*name the town or place*), duly elected and qualified as such, according to the Constitution, rules and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, that is to say, the Rev. W. A., Rector, J. M. and C. H., Wardens, and J. H., D. F., L. S., E. W., and D. K., Vestrymen, having on this      day of      in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and      , assembled in our aforesaid capacities for the purpose of becoming incorporated under and pursuant to Chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes of Wisconsin, do hereby make known and declare, that we the said Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, and our successors in office, shall forever hereafter be called and known as "the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of (*name the Church*) Church of (*name the town or place*)" to the end and intent that we the said Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, and our successors in office, may become a body corporate, by the name and style of "the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of (*name the Church*) Church of (*name the town or place*)" with all the powers and privileges by law appertaining thereto.

Witness our hands and seals at (*name the place*) the day and year aforesaid.

In presence of

(*two witnesses*)

W. A., [Seal]

Rector.

J. M., [Seal]

C. H., [Seal]

Wardens.

J. H., [Seal]

D. F., [Seal]

L. S., [Seal]

E. W., [Seal]

D. K., [Seal]

Vestrymen.

The above certificate must then be acknowledged before some officer author-

Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the Congregation, and after deliver it to the new Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the Record Book of the Church, and the original shall be placed on file among the Parish Documents. The said statement shall declare what money, lands, and other property have been received during their term of office, and from what source. It shall further declare what money has been expended, and for what objects: what property has been purchased, exchanged, mortgaged, sold, or otherwise alienated or encumbered, and for what purposes.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

Sec. 1. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by the Vestry who shall serve till their successors in office are chosen.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Vestry; to take minutes of its proceedings, and when approved, to enter and attest the same in the "Book of Minutes" of the Vestry; it shall be his further duty to enter in the "Record Book" of the Church, the Minister's annual account of offerings, and the Vestry's annual account of the temporal condition of the Parish, and to preserve on file all the originals.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money collected under the authority of the Vestry, the reception and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for; and in case there be no collector appointed the Vestry, himself shall also collect the same.

Sec. 4. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order from the Vestry, signed by one of the Wardens. The Treasurer shall present to the Vestry, at least two weeks before Easter Monday, a full and accurate statement accompanied with vouchers, of all monies received and paid by him during the year since the last annual statement.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer, if he be not a member of the Vestry, shall attend meetings when requested, and be guided by its advice in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, and be ready to answer all questions as to the state of the Treasury.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Vestry Meetings.*

Sec. 1. *Quarterly Meetings* of the Vestry shall be held on the first Monday of May, August, November, and February.

*Special Meetings* may be held at such times as the Minister or any two of the members may desire.

Sec. 2. At every meeting of the Vestry, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, and if correct, approved; if incorrect, amended and approved.

At every quarterly meeting, the minutes of the last quarterly, and of all subsequent special meetings shall be read.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Altering of Constitution.*

Alterations, amendments or additions may at any time be made to this Constitution by the Annual Diocesan Convention.

ORGANIZATION AND INCORPORATION  
OF  
PARISHES  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

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The Committee appointed by the Diocesan Convention of 1855, "to obtain a correct interpretation of the Law providing for the Incorporation of Churches or Congregations, and to append to the Journal full instructions as to every step necessary to be taken in the *Organization and Incorporation of Parishes*," respectfully report:

**ORGANIZATION.**

No Parish or Church is ever organized except with the intention, sooner or later, of obtaining the services of a Clergyman to minister at its Altar. Care should, therefore, be taken, not to interfere with the Canonical rights of any other Clergyman by organizing within the bounds of his Parish.

"Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law or otherwise;" the *General Canon IX* of 1853, provides that, 1. "If a city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or any ward, district, or other subdivision of either of the same, shall contain but one church or congregation, the minister having charge of such church or congregation shall be deemed to have the parochial cure within the same. 2. Any city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or the smallest subdivision of either of the same, in which there are two or more churches or congregations, shall be deemed the parochial cure of the ministers of such churches or congregations, and the assent of a majority of such ministers shall be necessary.

The same Canon forbids any Clergyman, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, to officiate, "either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise, in the Parish or within the parochial cure of another Clergyman, unless he has received express permission for that purpose from the Minister of the Parish or cure, or, in his absence, from the church wardens and vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation, or a majority thereof.

The course, therefore, to be taken, when about to organize a parish is:



# MEMORANDA.

## ASSESSMENT OF THE PARISHES

*According to a Resolution of the Convention for raising \$400 for the Bishop's Travelling Expences, &c.\**

|                                 |         |                                  |                 |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Christ Church, Green Bay,.....  | \$10 00 | St. John's, Milwaukee,.....      | \$10 00         |
| St. Paul's, Milwaukee,.....     | 75 00   | St. Paul's, Watertown,.....      | 10 00           |
| Hobart Church, Duck Creek,...   | 15 00   | St. James', Manitowoc,.....      | 10 00           |
| St. Mathew's, Kenosha,.....     | 25 00   | Christ Church, Green Lake,....   | 3 00            |
| St. Paul's, Beloit,.....        | 15 00   | St. Paul's Fond du Lac,.....     | 15 00           |
| St. John's, Elkhorn,.....       | 5 00    | Holy Communion, Geneva,.....     | 5 00            |
| St. Luke's, Whitewater,.....    | 10 00   | Emmanuel Church, Ozaukee,...     | 2 00            |
| St. Alban's, Lisbon,...         | 10 00   | Holy Communion, Bloomfield,..    | 2 00            |
| St. Luke's Racine,.....         | 25 00   | St. James', Milwaukee,.....      | 10 00           |
| St. Matthias' Waukesha,.....    | 10 00   | Trinity, Marquette,.....         | 5 00            |
| Trinity Church, Janesville,.... | 25 00   | St. John's Delafield,.....       | 7 50            |
| St. Oloff's, Ashippun,.....     | 5 00    | Intercession, Steven's Point,... | 10 00           |
| Christ Church, Delavan,.....    | 7 50    | Trinity Church, Oshkosh,.....    | 15 00           |
| Trinity, Mineral Point,.....    | 20 00   | St. John's, Portage,.....        | 10 00           |
| Grace Church, Madison,.....     | 20 00   | Christ Church, Grant Co.,.....   | 3 00            |
| St. Sylvanus', Nashotah,.....   | 10 00   | Trinity Church, Berlin,.....     | 5 00            |
| Zion Church, Oconomowoc,....    | 7 50    |                                  |                 |
| Grace Church, Sheboygan,.....   | 10 00   |                                  |                 |
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## FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Bishop of the Diocese requests of the Clergy, to conform to the following model, in making out their Annual Reports; in order that a tabular view of the state of the Church may be the more readily prepared therefrom.

NAME OF PARISH, \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MINISTER, \_\_\_\_\_

DATE, \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Families connected with the Parish, \_\_\_\_\_; Individuals, \_\_\_\_\_; Communicants, died —, removed —, added —, present number \_\_\_\_\_; Baptisms, infants —, adults —, total \_\_\_\_\_; Confirmed, \_\_\_\_\_; Marriages, \_\_\_\_\_; Burials, infants —, adults —, total \_\_\_\_\_; Sunday School Teachers, \_\_\_\_\_; Scholars, \_\_\_\_\_; Library, \_\_\_\_\_ vols.; Parish Library, \_\_\_\_\_ vols.

Offerings of the Parish for Episcopal Fund, \_\_\_\_\_; Diocesan Missions, \_\_\_\_\_; Convention Fund, \_\_\_\_\_; Parish Poor, \_\_\_\_\_; Parochial Purposes, \_\_\_\_\_.

\* By a Resolution of the Convention, (Journal, p. 15,) this assessment should be paid to Joseph S. Colt, Esq., of Milwaukee.

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|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
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| vid Keene,        | J. A. Helfenstein, Esq.,  |
| P. T. Ingraham,*  | Joseph S. Colt, Esq.,     |
| eph H. Nichols,   | William Lamb, Esq.        |

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| eph H. Nichols,   | Timothy T. Kissam, Esq.,  |
| al D. Cole, D. D. | Hon. S. Crawford.         |

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|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
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| al D. Cole, D. D., | Rev. Wm. Adams, D. D. |
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*Conservator of Church Documents.*

Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D., of Milwaukee.

*Secretary of the Convention.*

Rev. Roswell Park, D. D., of Racine.

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requested that communications for the Standing Committee should be to the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, its Secretary.

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## NOTICE.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, will be held, (D. V.) in St. Paul's Church Milwaukee, on the Second Wednesday in June, 1856. The Rev. James DeKoven is appointed by the Bishop to preach the Missionary Sermon, the preceding evening; and the Rev. E. A. Goodenough to be his Substitute. The Rev. George B. Eastman is appointed to preach at the opening of the Convention; and the Rev. C. C. Edmunds to be his Substitute. The present Secretary would remind his Brethren, the Parochial Clergy, that an Annual Collection should be taken up in each Parish, for the Convention Fund, and paid to the Treasurer of the same, besides the Collections required for the Episcopal Fund, and for Diocesan Missions. And in distributing the Journal of the Convention, it is deemed just that those Parishes which contribute the most to the Convention Fund, should receive the largest number of copies.

### NASHOTAH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D., President, and Professor of Pastoral Theology. Rev. William Adams, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology. Rev. E. S. Poake, B. D., Tutor in Biblical History and Literature. Rev. Lewis A. Kumper, B. D., Tutor in Exegesis, and in Greek. Rev. James DeKoven, A. M., Tutor in Ecclesiastical History. Rev. Samuel J. Hayward, B. D., Tutor in Latin and Mathematics. The next Annual Term opens on Thursday October 4th, 1855, and closes on the second Wednesday of July, 1856.

### RACINE COLLEGE.

Rev. Roswell Park, D. D., President, and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, A. M., Professor of English Literature. Marshall M. Strong, Esq., A. M., Lecturer on Legal Science. Philo R. Hoy, M. D., Lecturer on Natural Science, and Physiology. Edward Seymour, A. M., Principal of the English Department. Llewellyn J. Evans, B. S., Classical Tutor.—Mr. Shepard D. Cutting, Steward. The Tenth Session, beginning the Fourth Collegiate Year, will open, D. V., on Wednesday the 19th of September ensuing.

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" **MELANCTHON HOYT**, Rector of St. James', Manitowoc.

" **J. P. T. INGRAHAM**, Rector of St. James', Milwaukee.

" **DAVID KEENE**, Rector of St. John's, Milwaukee.

" **LEWIS A. KEMPER**, Tutor of Exegesis, Biblical Literature, and Greek, at Nashotah, and Missionary at Ashippun; Delafield.

" **JOHN MCNAMARA**, Missionary at Geneva.

" **STEPHEN C. MILLETT**, Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha.

" **P. BROWNE MORRISON**, (since transferred to Penn.)

" **JOSEPH H. NICHOLS**, Rector of St. Luke's, Racine.

" **ROSWELL PARK**, D. D., President of Racine College.

" **G. E. PETERS**, (now at Bloomfield; P. O. Geneva.)

" **JOSIAH PHELPS**, Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.

" **HENRY P. POWERS**.

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" **L. W. RUSS**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Watertown.

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" **J. E. C. SMEDES**, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Beloit.

" **CHARLES B. STOUT**, Waukesha.

" **W. H. STUDLEY**, Deacon.

" **DAVID W. TOLFORD**, Missionary at Oshkosh.

" **HENRY MARTYN THOMPSON**, Deacon, officiating at Elkhorn.

" **HUGH M. THOMPSON**, Deacon, officiating at Portage.

" **EBENEZER WILLIAMS**, officiating in Grant Co.; Montford.

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**REV. JOHN O. BARTON**, Missionary to Superior, (since transferred from Indiana.)

" **MARTIN F. SORENSON**, Missionary to Waupacca and Weyauwega, (since transferred from Indiana.)

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Total number of Clergy belonging to the Diocese, June 30th, . . . 41.

ALPHABETICAL  
LIST OF ORGANIZED PARISHES  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,  
WITH THEIR DEPUTIES TO THE CONVENTION,  
JUNE 11, A. D. 1856.

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- St. Olof's Church, Ashippun,** None reported.
- St. Paul's Church, Beloit,** N. B. Gaston,\* S. J. Sherwood.\*
- Trinity Church, Berlin,** T. T. Kissam, D. H. Shumway.\*
- Church of the Holy Communion, Bloomfield,** None reported.
- Grace Church, Dartford,** None reported.
- Church of St. John Chrysostom, Delafield,** Wm. S. Cox,\* L. B. Seymour, Beriah Brown, Sam'l R. Kemper.\*
- Christ Church, Delavan,** Hezekiah Wells, N. M. Harrington.\*
- Hobart Church, Duck Creek,** None reported.
- St. John's Church, Elkhorn,** None reported.
- St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac,** None reported.
- Church of the Holy Communion, Geneva,** None reported.
- Christ Church, Green Bay,** Edson Sherwood, J. V. Suydam,\* Joshua Whiting,\* E. H. Ellis.\*
- Christ Church, Green Lake,** None reported.
- Trinity Church, Janesville,** S. A. Hudson, J. Bodwell Doe, John H. Vermilye.\*
- St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha,** B. C. Adams, Silas Ames,\* Wm. Lamb,\* Josiah Bond.\*
- St. Alban's Church, Lisbon,** James Weaver, Richard Weaver, John Russell.\*
- Grace Church, Madison,** J. G. Knapp, H. K. Lawrence,\* Wm. A. Mears,\* J. N. De Forest.\*
- St. James' Church, Manitowoc,** C. W. Fitch, Wm. Backus,\* T. A. H. Edwards,\* Charles Walker.\*
- Trinity Church, Marquette,** None reported.

- St. Paul's Church, *Milwaukee*, Joseph S. Colt, J. W. Medberry, Cyrus Hawley,\* Archibald Wilson.
- St. John's Church, *Milwaukee*, W. H. Cross, Lindsey A. Ward, Edgar Keene, C. A. Place.
- St. James' Church, *Milwaukee*, Dr. J. B. Selby, D. L. Deyo.
- Trinity Church, *Mineral Point*, Dr. H. Van Dusen, Moses M. Strong, B. D. Pulford.
- St. Sylvanus' Church, *Nashotah*, John Gage, Talbot C. Dousman, Wm. D. Christian, S. Smith Etheridge.
- Christ Church, *New California*, None reported.
- Zion Church, *Oconomowoc*, D. W. Small,\* John S. Rockwell,\* Robert B. Lee,\* S. S. Warner.
- Trinity Church, *Oshkosh*, None reported.
- Emmanuel Church, *Ozaukee*, None reported.
- St. John's Church, *Portage*, None reported.
- St. Luke's Church, *Racine*, Dr. Clark Nettleton,\* Julius Wooster, Eliphalet Cram.
- Grace Church, *Sheboygan*, None reported.
- Church of the Intercession, *Stevens' Point*, None reported.
- St. Paul's Church, *Watertown*, Daniel Jones, L. J. Fribert, D. W. Heywood.
- St. Matthias' Church, *Waukesha*, A. W. Hatch.
- St. Luke's Church, *Whitewater*, George R. Walker, Thos. L. Hoppin.\*

Total number of organized Parishes, entitled to a representation in Convention,.....**35.**

\* The Deputies whose names are marked with an asterisk, were absent from the Convention.

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE, *Wednesday, June 11th, 1856.*

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the 15th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and the Clergy and Laity having duly assembled; Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. McNamara of Geneva and Rev. Mr. Shaw of Lisbon; the Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Eastman of Fond du Lac, from 1 Corinthians, xiii., 6; and the Holy Communion was ministered by the Right Reverend Jackson Kemper, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the officiating Clergymen.\*

The Convention was then called to order by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper; and the List of the Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention, as furnished by the Bishop, having been called by the Secretary of the last Convention, the following answered to their names: Rev. Messrs. Adams, Bartlett, Coe, Cole, Davis, De Koven, Eastman, Edmunds, Gregory, Humphrey, Hoyt, Ingraham, Keene, McNamara, Millett, Nichols, Park, Phelps, Russ, Shaw, Telford, and Williams.

The Bishop then appointed the Rev. Messrs. Phelps and Hoyt a committee to receive the certificates of appointment of the Lay deputies to this Convention; and the Roll of the same having been prepared, and called by the Secretary of the last Convention, the following were found to be present:

Messrs. T. T. Kissam, L. B. Seymour, Beriah Brown, Edson Sherod, S. A. Hudson, J. B. Doe, J. G. Knapp, C. W. Fitch, Joseph Colt, J. W. Medberry, A. Wilson, W. H. Cross, Lindsey A. Ward, Edgar Keene, Dr. J. B. Selby, D. L. Deyo, Dr. H. Van Dusen, Moses M. Strong, R. D. Pulford, John Gage, T. C. Dousman, M. D. Christian, S. Smith Etheridge, S. S. Warner, J. Wooster, Cram, D. Jones, L. J. Fribert, D. W. Heywood, A. W. Hatch, and G. R. Walker.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Park was appointed the Secretary of this Convention; and, on his nomination, Rev. Mr. Ingraham was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The following Canonical Committees were appointed by the Convention:

*In the Admission of Parishes,* Rev. Mr. Davis, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Colt.

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*Note.*—The customary Missionary Sermon was preached on the preceding evening, by the Rev. Mr. De Koven of Delafield, from St. John, xvii., 21.

*On Diocesan Missions*, Rev. Dr. Cole, Col. Jones, and Mr. Knapp.

*On Finance*, Messrs. Kissam, B. Brown, and Medberry.

*On Canons*, Rev. Dr. Adams, Rev. Mr. Keene, and Mr. Doe.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment; and Messrs. H. Wells, B. C. Adams, James Weaver, Richard Weaver, and C. A. Place appeared as Lay Deputies, and took their seats.

The Reports of the Treasurers of the Episcopal Fund, the Convention Fund, the Fund for Diocesan Missions, and the Assessment for the Bishop's Travelling Expenses, were duly received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rules of Order adopted by the Primary Convention in 1847, be adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church from other Dioceses, now visiting this city, be invited to honorary seats in this Convention; and that Clergymen of this Diocese, in good standing but not canonically entitled to seats in this Convention, be invited to attend its sessions. The Rev. Anthony Schuyler, of Oswego, N. Y., Rev. Hiram Stone, Missionary to Kansas, Rev. John O. Barton, Rector elect of the new parish at Superior, and Rev. G. E. Peters, of this Diocese, took seats accordingly.

The Rev. Mr. Nichols, having been summoned home by telegraph, was duly excused from attendance during the remainder of this session.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, which which was listened to with deep interest;—as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN! THE CLERICAL AND LAY MEMBERS OF THIS CONVENTION.

I meet you to-day under a thorough conviction that we have great cause to be encouraged in reference to the sacred duties that are before us. During the past year I have perceived a growing interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Church among all her members. The majority of those who have been set apart to the ministry have been instant in season and out of season in the faithful performance of parochial work, while those who have been thus benefitted are beginning to appreciate the untiring efforts of their pastors, and now cheerfully co-operate in various and delightful plans for the spiritual benefit of all sorts and conditions of men. I therefore thank God and take courage. And I pray that all of us in our respective spheres of action, and according to our temporal and moral abilities, may realize our vast responsibility and the immensity of the work that is before us.

If the first, the unceasing and the most imperative injunction of our divine Master and his glorious Church is to *preach the Gospel*, our earliest and untiring aim must be to prepare and send forth into the world able ministers of the New Testament. Compared with many of the respectable denominations around us we have heretofore been indifferent, careless and niggardly. And yet, besides exulting in the excellencies and spiritual nature of our Liturgy, the scriptural soundness of our doctrines, and our conformity in sentiments and worship to the primitive Church, we profess to be that branch of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church which Almighty God in infinite mercy has established in this country for the conversion and eternal welfare of the people. But whatever view we may take of our peculiar privileges, the very first principles of Christianity dictate that to the utmost of our ability we impart to our

ings the hopes and consolations we enjoy. The conservative principles and influences which are acknowledged by various classes of society. We are called upon therefore for our country, and especially as those who have been taught the truth as it is in us to cease our labour, our care and diligence, until we have done all that lieth in us to our bounden duty, to bring our fellow citizens unto that agreement in the knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there is left among us, either for error in religion or for viciousness of life.\*

The Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions this Diocese is exceedingly indebted to her first foundation and a continuance of nursing care and protection.† In my own support as Missionary Bishop, and the generous assistance afforded of late in the Gospel among our red brethren, the Oneidas who reside in the neighbourhood of ; the Domestic Committee appropriated for their fiscal year which began last October, the support of Missionaries in this Diocese. So great and urgent has been the need, that not one of our fellow labourers has received from that source more than a year. The growth of our parishes, as you well know, though sure is not rapid; and recollected that in addition to contributions towards the support of a Clergyman, we secured, a Church erected and furnished, and perhaps a parsonage to be built, we can imagine that the fostering care of the Society is of great importance, and somewhat necessary during a continued course of years. St. Paul's Church at Beloit, Church at Fond du Lac, Christ Church at Green Bay, Trinity Church at Janesville, St. John's Church at Kenosha, Grace Church at Madison, St. Paul's Church at Milwaukee, St. James' parish at Nashotah, St. Luke's Church at Racine, and St. Paul's Church at Watertown, are consequently bound by the highest considerations of Christian love to bestow upon others the benefits they so long enjoyed. Some of us have struggled on, most successfully too, with assistance from other sources; such as St. John's at Lisbon, and St. John's and St. James' at Milwaukee. At present, missionaries sent by the Domestic Committee at Dolansfield, Elkhorn, Geneva, Manitowoc, Marquette, Oconomowoc, Oshkosh, Portage, Stevens' Point, Whitewater, Prairie du Chien, Waubesa County. Thus \$1950 of the appropriation is pledged, and there remains but \$300 to dispose of. Now to secure an able Missionary for Superior, which is situated at the extremity of the great Lake of the same name, to revive the services at *Shaboygan*, and to begin our work and labour of love at the earliest hour at *La Crosse*, *Wausau*, *Weyauwega*, *Hudson* and many other places, I have already pledged one thousand dollars. Dare we—can we refuse any longer the privileges and blessings of our Church to our fellow worshippers who are scattered throughout the State, and who are congregating in the rapidly growing places I have mentioned? Every dictate of common faith forbids it. I have said to the Missionaries, COME; and to the people of the refreshing waters of eternal life, I have said, YOU SHALL BE SUPPLIED. What can be done? My own means are limited, and will soon be exhausted. Some of the churches which have been aided three or more years might now perhaps, by renewed efforts, be self-supporting. But money is wanted, and it is wanted now. Shall we form a Society to support the sacred cause of Missions to a few individuals or a committee? Shall we make appeals in congregations or from individuals? Cannot the Episcopalians of the diocese afford several thousand dollars every year towards accomplishing the great and noble design of establishing our beloved Church in every vicinity where the Church is needed? There are not some among you who will join me in the holy resolve to send a missionary to every place of God, and as soon as a proper one can be obtained, to every parish—to every growing place? This, with divine permission, is to be the work of the remainder of my life. I hoped to continue a Missionary Bishop to the end of my days. But you have decided otherwise. And now, as soon as you determine that all my time and talents shall be devoted to the withdrawal from a Mission, which for more than twenty years has afforded me, amidst anxiety, great delight, and will confine myself to my duties as Diocesan of Wisconsin. In all circumstances, believing that this is a field which the Lord has blessed; knowing it fertile, attractive and healthy country, towards which thousands and tens of thousands of our brethren will be attracted for years to come; and having been solicited month

periodical.

as to the Book of Common Prayer.



The Rev. Hiram N. Bishop has retired from Kenosha and has commenced a new Church in Chicago. He left a large and flourishing parish which has not yet been supplied. I transfer Mr. Bishop this day to the Diocese of Illinois.

The Rev. L. D. Brainard continues in Dodge County, but devotes most of his time to Beaver Dam and Fox Lake, at both of which rapidly growing places he hopes to have Churches erected in the course of a year.

The Rev. James B. Britton is to call upon me soon to lay the corner stone of a large Church to be built at Madison.

The Rev. L. Wilson Davis is rector of Zion Church at Oconomowoc, and is directing much of his attention towards the establishment of St. Ann's Hall.

The parish of Fond du Lac is in a fine flourishing state. A parsonage has been erected and additional pews have been made in the Church. The Rev. Mr. Eastman has fulfilled the expectations of his best friends.

The Rev. Mr. Goodnough ought to be assisted and encouraged. His situation is a trying one, and he is doing his duty most faithfully. While the Methodists are educating nearly a dozen Oneida children at Appleton, can we not find means to give instruction to at least one promising boy who was pressed upon my attention, and for whom I was asked an education during my last visit at Duck Creek? The congregation is growing, the Church should be enlarged, and both it and the parsonage require painting. I have often thought, if these and other facts, relative to the First Christian Party of the Oneidas, were made known to the friends of Bishop Hobart who always cherished the deepest interest in the welfare of these people, those friends of the ever venerated Bishop would supply whatever was necessary to secure to these descendants of the ancient Mohawks all the privileges and comforts appertaining to public worship and that knowledge which would enable them to maintain their just rights.

The Church at Stevens' Point is growing under the ministry of the Rev. T. Greene.

The Rev. W. Hommann has left us for a while in consequence of illness in his family, and is now officiating in Pennsylvania.

A parsonage has been erected at Whitewater under the faithful ministry of the Rev. Mr. Humphrey.

The Church at Manitowoc has become too small for the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Hoyt, in addition to his able services at this place, officiates stately at Two Rivers, where a Church will soon be built.

The reports of the other Clergy will satisfy you that in almost every case our prospects are brightening. In this city there should be at least two additional parishes. The Clergy who are now on the ground are overworked, but have every reason to know that their labour in the Lord is not in vain.

The Rev. Eugene C. Pattison has been transferred to Indiana, and the Rev. E. Steele Peake to Minnesota. The Rev. P. Browne Morrison has retired from his Mission at Berlin and gone to Philadelphia. The Rev. Henry P. Powers continues to reside in Michigan. The Rev. Charles B. Stout is acting as agent for the Extension Society. The Rev. W. H. Studley suddenly retired from his mission last winter, and is practising medicine, I am told, in Illinois.

The Rev. Ebenezer Williams is earnestly endeavouring to establish the Church in Grant County among some English miners, and would be greatly cheered if he could obtain some aid towards the erection of a suitable building for public worship at New-California.

The Rev. Mr. Telford has secured through his personal exertions some valuable lots in Onkosh, and is to call upon me in a few days to assist in laying the corner stone of a Church.

The Rev. Hugh M. Thompson has laboured most diligently and with much success at Portage. A large and handsome Church is to be consecrated at that growing City during the summer.

We have all welcomed to the Diocese the Rev. James W. Coe, whose ministry, as rector of Trinity Church, Janesville, has been highly blessed. He has many warm and generous hearts to sustain and encourage him in that important parish.

The Rev. John McNamara has returned to us, and is now with gratifying prospects endeavoring to build up the Church at Geneva.

The Rev. L. W. Ruas has joined us from Western New-York, and has charge of the important parish at Watertown. Here there is ability and true affection for the Church; and I confidently look forward to the time when this will be one of our most important parishes.

I have every reason to believe that the Church at Sheboygan will be immediately supplied by the Rev. Mr. Pradt. The Rev. Mr. Sorenson has lately moved up the Wolf River and is officiating

at Wapaccan, Weyanwega and Hobart's Mills,—three stations of much promise. The Rev. John O. Barton is here with us on his way to Superior, to which he was invited some months since. As these reverend brethren have not been transferred, I am unable to report them as belonging to the Diocese. Besides these, I trust a few more will be added during the summer.

Some statistics, especially those of Confirmation, I am unable to give you at present, in consequence of losing last week at Fond du Lac my valise, which contained some valuable clothes and important papers. In expectation of having a day to myself, I had taken with me my diary and memoranda for the last eighteen months, with several letters which required immediate attention. None of these I fear can be recovered; and the loss to me in many respects is irreparable.

That an individual who had apparently with all sincerity devoted himself to the ministry, studied the theology of the Church, and enjoyed with his family all the privileges thereof for several years, should renounce his holy commission, and thereby deprive himself of the glorious privilege of preaching the Gospel, must appear utterly astonishing to all of you who know the preciousness of Christ. Perhaps I was too confiding and too unsuspicious. My age and office have authorized me ever since I have been in the West to look upon the Clergy connected with my Mission as sons to whom I became affectionately attached. Amidst all the agitations of the times my early impressions of the Papacy have never ceased, and I could always have prayed in the former language of the Litany, to be delivered "from the tyranny of the Bishop of Rome, and all his detestable enormities." The legitimate consequences of the deceitful and idolatrous system of which the Pope is the head are fully developed in Italy, Spain and Mexico. Yet there are bright though perverted intellects who flee to this refuge of lies. How earnestly should we contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and cherish with simplicity and child-like confidence the truth as it is in Jesus, as expressly revealed in the holy Scriptures, and meekly but boldly maintained in Primitive days. In deep and unfeigned sorrow I have removed William Markoe from the Ministry, with the fervent prayer that he may yet through the grace of God be brought back to the fold from which he has wandered.

You are aware of the existence of the Extension Society. To this hour, Wisconsin has not received a cent towards the accomplishment of its objects. Ought we not, without delay, to take measures to secure some land for the Church, and at least a lot, in every thriving and every contemplated village? I commend the subject, as of great importance, to your immediate attention.

I pray, brethren, that the Holy Spirit may preside over your deliberations, and enable you to adopt such measures as will tend to the glory of God and the edification of this Church.

The Report of the Standing Committee was then read by the Rev. Mr. Ingraham, its Secretary.

A new Canon, concerning the transfer of Communicants, was offered by the Rev. Mr. Ingraham, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons.

Application was made for the admission of a new Parish, at Two Rivers, into union with the Convention; but, for want of the proper documents, the admission was deferred until another year.

Application was also made for the admission of a new Parish at Superior; and, on motion, the papers relating to the same were referred to the Committee on the Admission of Parishes.

A communication to the Bishop from Rev. Mr. Russ of Watertown, announcing that the Parish in that place had become self-supporting, was read to the Convention, and, on motion, was ordered to be printed entire in the Journal, as follows:

In thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, under whose gracious favor we have been so highly blessed, till, from a condition of weakness and dependency, we have grown into a state of comparative strength; Therefore we, the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, do unanimously adopt the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this Parish will dispense with any further aid from the Domestic Department of the Board of Missions.

*Resolved*, That in severing our connections with the Missionary Board, we desire to express our sincere thankfulness for the generous aid so long enjoyed in a time of need, and which we now cheerfully relinquish for the benefit of other and more needy Parishes; praying that on all the efforts of Christ's faithful people to plant and maintain the Church in her integrity, may rest the blessing of Him without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee for Domestic Missions, and to the Bishop of this Diocese.

L. W. RUSSELL, *Rector*.

D. W. HARWOOD, *Clerk of the Vestry*.

Watertown, June 2d, 1856.

A motion, by Rev. Dr. Adams, to Repeal the Sixth Canon of this Diocese, was, on motion, referred to a Special Committee, appointed by the Chair, consisting of Rev. Dr. Adams, Rev. Messrs. Hoyt, McNamara, and Russ, and Messrs. Knapp, Fitch and Wilson.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Rev. Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Medberry were appointed by the Chair to act as Tellers, and the following gentlemen were duly elected: Rev. Messrs. Keene, Ingraham, Cole, and Park, and Messrs. Colt, Helfenstein, Hawley, and Selby.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of Deputies to the next General Convention; and the Chair appointed Rev. Mr. Peters and Mr. Wilson to act as Tellers, pending whose Report, all the votes having been cast,

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet in this place for divine service, to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE,  
June 12th, 1856—8 o'clock A. M. }

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Stone of Kansas, and Rev. Mr. Williams.

The Convention was then called to order by the Bishop, and on motion the calling of the Roll was dispensed with. Rev. Mr. Britton, having been detained yesterday by Parochial duties, appeared, and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Cole tendered his resignation as a member of the Standing Committee, which was accepted; and, on motion, Rev. Mr. Davis was appointed his substitute.

The Tellers reported that Rev. Dr. Cole, Rev. Mr. Keene, and Rev. Mr. Nichols, and Dr. Benj. McVickar, A. L. Prichard, J. B. Doe, and T. T. Kissam, Esqs., had been duly elected Deputies to the General Convention; and that one more Clerical Deputy remained to be elected. On a second ballot, Rev. Mr. Phelps was duly elected the remaining Clerical Deputy.

The Committee on Canons reported back to the Convention the proposed Canon on the Transfer of Communicants, and recommended its adoption. On motion, it was adopted, as follows:

### CANON V.

All Rectors, or Ministers of Parishes, in this Diocese, shall hereafter, before receiving into the Parish under their charge any person as a regular Communicant from any other Parish, require

of him or her a Certificate from the Rector or Minister of the Parish of their last residence, or, if there be no Minister, from one of the Wardens, stating that said applicant is of good standing as a Communicant of the Church.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, In pursuance of Canon XIII., passed in the General Convention of the Church in 1868, entitled, "*On Removal of Communicants from one Parish to another*," that a Certificate in substance like the following, is hereby recommended to be given, by all Rectors or Ministers of Parishes in this Diocese, to Communicants removing into other Parishes; and that this Certificate be hereafter published on the cover of our Convention Journal:

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that ..... is a Member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a Communicant of good standing in the same; and as such is affectionately commended to the Christian love and care of the Clergyman who may henceforth be his (or her) Pastor, in the Church of God.

Given under my hand and seal, this .... day of ....., in the year of our Lord .....

Signed, .....  
Rector of .....  
Or, Minister in charge of .....

The following Amendment to the Constitution, having been proposed by Rev. Dr. Adams, was, on motion, adopted by a majority of both orders, subject to the approval of the next Convention:

*Resolved*, That, in Article VIII., Sec. 2, of the Constitution, for the words "having parochial charges," be substituted the words, "having seats in the Convention."

The Report of the Committee on the Repeal of Canon VI. was read by Rev. Mr. McNamara, proposing a new Canon.

The Report of the Committee on Diocesan Missions was read by Rev. Dr. Cole, also proposing a new Canon.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, that both these Reports be accepted, and that both the proposed Canons be laid upon the table.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Ingraham was appointed Treasurer pro tempore, to receive any moneys payable to this Convention; with instructions to hand the same to the respective Treasurers, in order that they might complete their Reports before the adjournment of this Convention.

The following Amendment to the Constitution, having been proposed by Rev. Mr. Keene, was, on motion, adopted by a majority of both orders, subject to the approval of the next Convention:

*Resolved*, That Article Second of the Constitution of this Diocese be so altered as to read as follows:

"There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden the first Saturday in June."

On motion, it was *Resolved* that the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be holden in Grace Church, Madison.

On motion, Messrs. Doe, Cram, and Ward were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees of the Episcopal Fund for the ensuing year.

The following Resolution, presented by Rev. Dr. Adams, was, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Whereas, man is an immortal being, having a spiritual and moral constitution which adapts him to be trained for Heaven; and also whereas these facts indicate that he must be trained upon distinct principles, and by a distinct agency; and whereas these principles of old have been, and now are, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer, and the agency is and always must be the Church of God, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic;

**Resolved**, That upon these grounds this Convention recognises the duty of every clergyman and every layman of the Church in Wisconsin, to support education upon these principles, and to develop them in their fullest distinctness, as concerns Church Schools of all kinds—both Parish Schools, Church Colleges, Seminaries for boys, and also Academies of the highest order for young ladies: and that every clergyman and every layman is hereby recommended to take all care that the children of the Church under his influence be so placed, that the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, taught by the authority and under the influence of the Church, be made integral and fundamental parts of their education.

The Rev. Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Seymour, having been appointed by the Chair as Tellers for the election of Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention, reported that Rev. Messrs. Davis, Ingraham, Eastman, and Kemper, and Messrs. D. Jones, J. Bond, A. G. Miller, and J. S. Colt, had been duly elected.

The committee appointed to nominate "The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," for the ensuing year, named the following Gentlemen, who, on motion, were duly elected: Rev. Dr. Park, and Messrs. M. B. Mead, Isaac Taylor, Henry T. Fuller, and E. Cram.

On motion, Mr. Doe had leave of absence from this Convention for the remainder of its session.

Certain resolutions approving of the Memorial presented to the General Convention by Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg and others, were offered to this Convention by Rev. Mr. Britton; pending the discussion of which,

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment; and the minutes of the Morning Session were read and accepted.

Rev. Mr. Adderly of Missouri took a seat in the Convention, as invited.

On motion, it was **Resolved**, That the Standing Committee assess \$600 on the Parishes, for the Bishop, and send notice of the same to the Parishes, before the first of August.

The Committee on Finance reported back the several Treasurers' Reports, with the statement that no vouchers had been presented, but that the Reports appeared to be correct. On motion, their Report was accepted.

On motion, a subscription was made to the Convention Fund, to defray the expense of printing the Journal, and to meet the Assessment for the General Convention.

On motion, Joseph S. Colt, Esq., was appointed Treasurer of the Convention Fund, and of the Assessment for the Bishop.

On motion, the Standing Committee, acting as a Board of Missions, was authorized to appoint a Treasurer of the Fund for Diocesan Missions.

On motion, it was **Resolved**, That the Board of Missions be requested to use their best efforts to raise \$1200 during the ensuing year, for the support of Diocesan Missions.

The Secretary read to the Convention a circular letter, addressed to him by the Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D., Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, announcing certain Amendments of the General Constitution of the Church; but no further action was taken thereon.

The Secretary, in behalf of a committee appointed for the purpose by the Convocation of the Clergy, presented the following Preamble and Resolution; which, on motion, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it is provided by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in Canon XXVI. of 1882, not only that the Minister of each Parish shall inform the Congregation whenever he shall receive notice from the Bishop of an appointment to visit the same, but also that "At every Visitation it shall be the duty of the Minister, and of the Church Wardens or Vestry, to give information to the Bishop of the state of the Congregation, under such heads as shall have been committed to them in the notice given as aforesaid;" Therefore it is hereby

*Resolved*, That this Convention do cordially invite the Bishop of this Diocese to carry the above named provisions into full execution; and, in giving notice of his intended visitation of any Parish, to propound to the Minister, Wardens, and Vestry of the same, such heads of inquiry as he may deem expedient, in regard to the condition and affairs of the Parish, to be answered by them, duly assembled in Vestry meeting, at the time of his visitation; and also, to require the canonical Records of the Parish to be presented to him for inspection, that he may ascertain their accuracy and completeness, or else may take measures to have the same properly kept.

The Committee on the Admission of Parishes reported, "That the documents laid before them from the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Redeemer, Superior, Douglass Co., show that the said church was duly organized on the 31st day of December, 1855; but will not be canonically entitled to the privilege of union with the Convention, until after the expiration of one year from the said date of organization."

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention, acting as a Diocesan Missionary Society, be hereby requested to hold a public Missionary Meeting, on the first evening of its session, at which statements and addresses, in regard to Diocesan Missions, shall be made by the Bishop, and by such of the Clergy as he, or in his absence the Standing Committee, may designate.

The Resolutions offered by the Rev. Mr. Britton at the morning session, were again called up by him; but, on motion, were finally laid upon the table.

The following Resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Phelps, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Canons: "*Resolved*, that all Ministers in canonical charge of a Parish in this Diocese, be hereby invested with all the powers and privileges in their Parishes of a Rector."

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention recommend to the Churchmen of this Diocese, for their liberal donations and patronage, St. Ann's Hall, Oconomowoc, in the hope that this School may become an efficient auxiliary in training the daughters of the Church.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, continue to be the Conservator of Church Documents.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Churches in this city for their kind hospitality, and to the Wardens and Vestry of St. Paul's Church for the use of this sacred edifice.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be authorized to print 1000 copies of its Journal.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That this Convention do now adjourn, after the usual devotions. The Convention then united with the Bishop in prayer; and having received his Benediction, was adjourned, *sine die*.

JACKSON KEMPER, Bishop of the Diocese.

ROSSELL PARK, *Secretary of the Convention*.

J. P. T. INGRAHAM, *Assistant Secretary*.

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## MEMORANDUM.

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As no formal business was transacted at the last Annual Convocation of the Clergy of this Diocese, the Secretary of the Convention would remind his Clerical Brethren that, at the Convocation of 1884, the Diocese was divided into four Convocational Districts, as follows:

The *South East*, including Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, and Waukesha counties;

The *South West*, including Rock, Walworth, Jefferson, Dane, and Iowa Counties;

The *North East*, including Washington, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Brown counties; and

The *North West*, including Fond du Lac, Marquette, Dodge, Columbia, and Winnebago counties.

And at the Convocation of 1855, it was earnestly recommended by the Bishop, and by all the Brethren present, that a Convocation should be held in each Parish of the Diocese, as often as once a year, at the time of an Episcopal Visitation, or such other time as the Rector of the Parish should appoint. It was also agreed that the order of the Exercises should be determined by the Rector or Minister of the Parish in which the Convocation is held, and that the Rector should invite the Bishop of the Diocese, and all the Brethren of his Convocational District, to be present, designating, if he please, beforehand the part which they or others should take in the services; and that all the Clergy of the Diocese, and visiting Clergymen, should be considered as generally invited to be present at these meetings, and to take part in the services, when called upon.

It was also unanimously *Resolved*, That the Rector or Minister of a Parish holding a Convocation, should make a Record of the proceedings of the same, and transmit a copy thereof to the Bishop, to be filed by him, as a part of the History of the progress of the Church in this Diocese. It was farther recommended that a collection for Diocesan Missions should be made, at or soon after each Convocation.

## APPENDIX.

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### Report of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Wisconsin respectfully report to the Convention of the same, that during the past year they have held seven meetings. At these meetings they have recommended seven persons as candidates for Orders, three to the Diaconate, and six to the holy order of Priests, viz. :

On June the 14th, '55, the Rev. P. B. Morrison, for Priests' Orders;  
 " Sept. 21st, 1855, " J. De Koven, " "  
 " " " " H. C. Shaw, " "  
 " Nov. 16th, " " C. C. Edmunds, " "  
 " Dec. 12th, " " L. D. Brainard, " "  
 " March 14th, 1856, " J. E. C. Smedes, " "

On May 7th, 1856, John H. Egar, to the Diaconate;  
 " " " Luther Gregory, " "  
 " " " Henry M. Thompson, " "

On Sept. 21st, 1855, Geo. A. Hepburn, as Candidate for Orders;  
 " Oct. 29th, " Lewis A. Jessup, " "  
 " Nov. 16th, " Pearson S. Townsend, " "  
 " " " Theo. S. Holcomb, " "  
 " " " J. G. Gasman, " "  
 " " " Delancey G. Rice, " "

In addition to the above—On the 14th of June, 1855, the meeting being resolved into the Missionary Board for the Diocese, it was then

*Resolved*, by and with the consent of the Bishop, That a Missionary salary, at the rate of \$400 per annum, should be devoted to the Rev. A. Peabody.

On the 29th of October, 1855, the Committee having resolved itself into the Board of Missions for the Diocese, it was

*Resolved*, That the Rev. C. C. Edmunds, of Green Bay, be appointed a Missionary of this Board, with a salary of \$100 per annum. Also

*Resolved*, That the Rev. M. Hoyt be appointed a Missionary at Two Rivers, with a salary of \$70 per annum.

J. P. T. INGRAHAM, *Sec'y.*



### **Report of the Committee on Diocesan Missions.**

The Canonical Committee on Diocesan Missions beg leave to report that as nothing has been referred to them, they have deemed the whole business of Diocesan Missions legitimately within their province. They find that less than \$250 have been contributed in the Diocese of Wisconsin for Diocesan Missions,—that more than one-tenth of this sum has been from the Offertory of the two smallest Parishes in the Diocese and they in Waukesha County. It is evident that something must be done to place our Diocesan Missions on a more permanent and real basis. The Committee have looked into the method of other Dioceses. In one or two they find that by Canon, all the Clergy who raise for Diocesan Missions a sum equal to one-tenth of their salaries are members of the Board of Missions. In those Dioceses every Clergyman is a member of the Board. This method seems impracticable in all its details in Wisconsin. In some other Dioceses an incorporated society, more or less removed from the direct control of the Convention, is the Missionary Organization. This mode has created an opposition society in one Diocese, and cannot be regarded as very efficient anywhere. In Wisconsin alone is the Standing Committee the Board of Missions.

In still other Dioceses a Missionary Board is elected every year by the Convention as regularly as the Standing Committee, or the Deputies to the General Convention. This Board has its own Secretary and Treasurer, and manages during the year the whole thing financially; takes measures to raise funds, and appropriates the funds; the Bishop being Chairman thereof, nominating always the Missionary, and approving always of the station selected.

The Committee deem this method worthy of a trial, and therefore report the following:

#### **CANON OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.**

*Sec. 1.* A Missionary Committee consisting of Five Clergymen shall be chosen at each Annual Convention.

*Sec. 2.* This Committee, with the Bishop as Chairman, shall be the Board of Missions of the Diocese, shall elect their own Treasurer from among the Laity, and their own Secretary of their own number.

*Sec. 3.* This Board of Missions shall meet quarterly during the week following the 1st Sundays in July, October, January and April, and may also meet during the session of the Convention. If the Bishop be not present, the Board shall put one of their own number in the chair, and proceed to transact any business that belongs to the Board.

*Sec. 4.* At the July Meeting of the Board the sum to be raised the ensuing year shall be determined, and assessed on the Parishes, and a copy of such assessment sent to every Parish.

*Sec. 5.* On receipt of this assessment, the minister of every Parish shall immediately take measures to raise the sum designated before the next Convention.

**Sec. 6.** The Board of Missions shall audit their Treasurer's account, and present it with their annual report to each Convention.

**Sec. 7.** No Missionary and no Station shall be assisted by this Board unless approved of by the Bishop.

**Sec. 8.** Canon VI., being inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon, is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted.

AZEL D. COLE.

### **Treasurers' Reports.**

#### EPISCOPAL FUND.

*Diocese of Wisconsin, in account with Henry J. Ullmann, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, &c.*

| 1855.      |                                                                                      | Cr.      |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May 9th,   | By balance on hand, as per account rendered,...                                      | \$131 29 |
| June 20th, | " St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee,.....                                                 | 10 00    |
| July 7th,  | " Contribution, Gen. Philo White,.....                                               | 100 00   |
| Aug. 31st, | " Lawrence J. Bangs, int. on Mortgage 1 year,                                        | 15 13    |
| Oct. 17th, | " A. G. Knight, 1 year's interest on \$700 at<br>10 per cent., Sleman Mortgage,..... | 70 00    |
| Dec. 17th, | " Moses Vilas' note paid, and interest,.....                                         | 190 54   |
| 1856.      |                                                                                      |          |
| Mar. 24th, | " Easter offering, St. Luke's Church, Racine,...                                     | 10 48    |
| " 28th,    | " " St. Sylvanus' " Nashotah,                                                        | 5 41     |
| May 20th,  | " Christ Church, Green Bay.....                                                      | 5 00     |
|            |                                                                                      | <hr/>    |
|            |                                                                                      | \$537 85 |

| 1855.      |                                                                 | Dr.      |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| July 17th, | To paid Marshall M. Strong's check to Albert<br>G. Knight,..... | \$241 29 |
| Dec. 20th, | " " discharge of Mortgage to S. G. Knight,                      | 10       |
| 1856.      |                                                                 |          |
| Jan. 24th, | " " check to V. & H. Webber,.....                               | 275 00   |
| June 9th,  | " cash on hand (balance),.....                                  | 21 46    |
|            |                                                                 | <hr/>    |
|            |                                                                 | \$537 85 |

#### MEMORANDUM

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Wisconsin, now consists of the following items :

1. Seneca Raymond's note and mortgage, dated February 26th, 1853, for \$382, due in two years from date ; interest annually at 12 per cent., paid to August 22d, 1854.

2. John Sleman's note and mortgage, dated October 12, 1853, for \$700, due in five years from date ; interest annually at 10 per cent., paid to October 12th, 1855.

3. Lawrence J. Bangs' note and mortgage, dated October 3d, 1854,

for \$126.08, due in two years from date; interest annually at 12 per cent., paid to October 3d, 1855.

4. John S. Bangs' note and mortgage, dated July 17th, 1855, for \$241.29, due in one year from date; interest annually at 12 per ct.

5. Vincent & Henry Webber's note and mortgage, dated January 22d, 1856, for \$275; interest at 12 per cent.

Making the total amount of the fund \$1745.83, including the Treasurer's balance, besides interest now due.

HENRY J. ULLMANN, *Treasurer*.

#### DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

*H. H. Camp, Treasurer, in account with Fund for Diocesan Missions.*

| 1855.      |                                                                                        | Dr.      |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| July 13th, | To cash received from Trinity Church, Mineral Point, by hand of Wm. Lamb. Act. Treas., | \$28 00  |
| " "        | " cash rec'd from St. Paul's, Beloit, same hand,                                       | 3 30     |
| Oct. 31st, | " " " St. Sylvanus', Nashotah Lakes                                                    | 7 15     |
| Dec. 3d,   | " " " St. John Chrysostom, Delafield                                                   | 12 00    |
| " 8th,     | " " " D. Ferguson, Esq., late Treas.                                                   | 131 17   |
| 1856.      |                                                                                        |          |
| Feb. 18th, | " " " St. Luke's, Racine, . . . . .                                                    | 9 00     |
| March 23d, | " " " St. Sylvanus', Nashotah Lakes                                                    | 14 65    |
| May 19th,  | " " " Christ Church, Green Bay, . .                                                    | 5 00     |
| June 11th, | " " " St. Paul's, Milwaukee, . . . . .                                                 | 24 61    |
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| 1855.      |                                                                                        | Cr.      |
| Oct. 24th, | By cash paid Rev. A. B. Peabody, on draft of Bishop                                    | \$50 00  |
| Dec. 8th,  | " " " C. C. Edmunds, " " . .                                                           | 25 00    |
| " " "      | " " " M. Hoyt, " " . .                                                                 | 40 00    |
| 1856.      |                                                                                        |          |
| Jan. 12th, | " " " C. C. Edmunds, " " . .                                                           | 50 00    |
| Apr. 18th, | " " " M. Hoyt, " " . .                                                                 | 40 00    |
| June 11th, | " Balance subject to disposal, . . . . .                                               | 29 88    |
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H. H. CAMP, *Treasurer*.

#### CONVENTION FUND.

*J. S. Colt, Treasurer, in account with the Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin.*

| 1855.      |                                                    | Dr.    |
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| June 23d,  | To cash rec'd from Christ Church, Green Bay, . . . | \$0 57 |
| July 13th, | " " " Zion Church, Oconomowoc, . .                 | 4 38   |
| " "        | " " " St. John's Ch., Delafield, . . .             | 4 26   |
| " "        | " " " Trinity Ch., Mineral Point, . .              | 4 00   |
| " "        | " " " St. Paul's Ch., Beloit, . . . . .            | 5 00   |
| " "        | " " " Trinity Ch., Berlin, . . . . .               | 1 50   |

# APPENDIX.

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| th, | " | " | " | St. Matthew's Ch., Kenosha,..   | 10 00 |
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|     | " | " | " | St. John's Ch., Portage,.....   | 5 00  |
|     | " | " | " | Zion Ch., Oconomowoc,.....      | 5 00  |
|     | " | " | " | St. Olof's Ch., Ashippun,....   | 5 00  |
|     | " | " | " | St. James' Ch., Milwaukee,...   | 2 00  |
|     | " | " | " | St. John's Ch., Elkhorn,.....   | 2 00  |
| i,  | " | " | " | St. Paul's Ch., Milwaukee,...   | 50 00 |
| th, | " | " | " | St. Matthias' Ch., Waukesha,    | 3 50  |
|     | " | " | " | St. Luke's Ch., Racine,.....    | 5 00  |
| st, | " | " | " | St. Sylvanus' Parish, Nashotah, | 4 00  |
| st, | " | " | " | Christ Ch., Green Bay,.....     | 5 00  |
| h,  | " | " | " | Ch. of St. John Chrysostom,     | 2 50  |
|     | " | " | " | Hobart Parish, Green Bay...     | 2 00  |
|     | " | " | " | St. John's Ch., Portage,.....   | 1 55  |
| th, | " | " | " | St. Paul's Ch., Watertown,...   | 10 00 |
|     | " | " | " | St. John's Ch., Milwaukee,...   | 5 00  |
|     | " | " | " | St. Paul's Ch., Fond du Lac,... | 4 50  |
|     | " | " | " | Zion Ch., Oconomowoc,.....      | 2 00  |
|     | " | " | " | St. Paul's Ch., Beloit,.....    | 5 00  |
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J. S. COLT, Treasurer.

## THE BISHOP'S EXPENSES.

*olt, Treasurer of the Fund to defray the Expenses of the Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin.*

| Receipts by the District of Wisconsin. |                                                     |  | Dr.    |
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| t.                                     | To cash rec'd from St. Sylvanus' Ch., Nashotah, . . |  | \$2 50 |
| ,                                      | " " St. John's Ch., Milwaukee, . . .                |  | 10 00  |
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| ,                                      | " " Holy Commun. Ch., Bloomfield                    |  | 2 00   |
| h,                                     | " " St. Paul's Ch., Fond du Lac, . .                |  | 15 00  |
| 5th,                                   | " " St. Sylvanus' Ch., Nashotah, . .                |  | 7 50   |
| st,                                    | " " Christ Ch., Green Bay, . . . . .                |  | 10 00  |
| ,                                      | " " St. James' Ch., Milwaukee, . . .                |  | 8 00   |

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| June 4th, | " | " | St. John Chrysostom's Church,<br>Delafield,.....       | 7  |
| " 10th,   | " | " | St. John's Ch., Portage,.....                          | 10 |
| " "       | " | " | St. Paul's Ch., Milwaukee,...                          | 75 |
| " "       | " | " | St. Luke's Ch., Whitewater,..                          | 10 |
| " "       | " | " | St. Alban's Parish, Lisbon,...                         | 10 |
| " 11th,   | " | " | St. Paul's Ch., Watertown...                           | 10 |
| " "       | " | " | St. Luke's Ch., Racine,.....                           | 25 |
| " "       | " | " | St. Matthias' Ch., Waukesha,                           | 10 |
| " "       | " | " | Trinity Ch., Marquette,.....                           | 5  |
| " "       | " | " | St. James' Ch., Milwaukee,...                          | 2  |
| " "       | " | " | Holy Communion Ch., Geneva,                            | 5  |
| " "       | " | " | Zion Ch., Oconomowoc,.....                             | 7  |
| " "       | " | " | Church of the Intercession, at<br>Stevens' Point,..... | 10 |
| " "       | " | " | St. Paul's Ch., Beloit,.....                           | 15 |
| " "       | " | " | St. James' Ch., Manitowoc,...                          | 10 |
| " "       | " | " | St. Matthew's Ch., Kenosha,...                         | 25 |
| " "       | " | " | Christ Ch., Delevan,.....                              | 7  |

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J. S. COLT, *Treasurer.*

## PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS.

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REV. W. ADAMS, D. D.

I beg to state that during the past year, I have been occupied as usual in the duties of the Professorship of Systematic Divinity at Nashotah Theological Seminary. I have also officiated regularly every Sunday during the year, and have performed various other services, the records of which will be found in the books of the various parishes in which they occurred.

### TRINITY CHURCH, MARQUETTE.

*Rev. G. R. Bartlett, Rector.*

Communicants, present number, 10; Burials 1; Sunday School Teachers 2; Scholars 18; Library, vols., (about) 150.

Offerings of the Parish, \$21.29. Of these offerings there have been applied, Domestic Missions \$8; Foreign Missions \$3; Sunday School Library \$3; payment of the Bishop's travelling expenses, being amount assessed the parish, \$5.

During the past year there has not been, on account of the floating state of the population in this region, much increase in the congregations; but still there is cause for thankfulness and encouragement. Since the last Conventional year, the meetings of the Church have been well attended. Divine service has been celebrated, in addition to the regular Sunday services, on Christmas day, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday. This is certainly an improvement on the past—it having been found impracticable heretofore to hold services on any other than the Lord's day. A Parishioner has also generously donated to this Parish a lot in the village for the erection of a Church.—In connection with Marquette, I officiate once in two weeks at Grandville, about eight miles distant, where I have had full and attentive congregations, though there are at present but few persons attached to the Church in that neighborhood. After preaching in Grandville three times, I received from the people a liberal sum of money, the proceeds of a donation party given me there. I intend soon to visit Kingston, or some other place, in connection with Marquette and Grandville, and officiate there.

### ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BEAVER DAM CITY.

*Rev. L. D. Brainard, B. D., Missionary.*

Communicants died, 2; removed 6; added 4; present number about 40.—Baptisms, Adults 3; Children 12; Infants 4; total 19. Confirmed 2; Marriages 3; Burials, Infants 1; adults 5; total 6. Sunday Schools 1; Teachers 1; Scholars 20; Library, 16 vols. Exertions are now being made to increase the small library, and I think in a short time we shall have one respectably large. Domestic Missions \$9; Parochial purposes \$25.

On the 24th of March last we organized a Parish at Beaver Dam, namely St. Mark's, in order that we might better be able to secure some real estate before land rose in value, and also to make preparations for building a Church edifice as soon as possible. We have now paid for and secured the deed of a very valuable lot, and have about \$2000 subscribed to put up a Church on it; and as this western country is emphatically a land of promise, and subscription papers not quite as good as the solid cash, we shall have to be exceedingly

cautious how we proceed. It may be two or three years before we complete it: however, we will (D. V.) "keep the stone rolling," and by degrees have the work done.

At Fox Lake we have secured a bond for the deed of a very beautiful piece of land, given with the express understanding that we are to build a Church on it 30 feet by 50 within two years, or forfeit the lot. The necessary steps are now being taken here to organize a Parish; preparations will also be made this year towards erecting a Church edifice, so that within the two years we may without any difficulty have the building enclosed, and thus secure the deed of the lot. There are many important places in Dodge Co. where I have not as yet been able to hold services, though often solicited; for the simple reason that I have not felt able to hire a horse to visit them, and have had just as much pedestrian labor, in meeting my appointments at my regular stations, as I can possibly do. But, thanks to kind eastern friends, I have had sent to me \$63 to enable me to purchase a horse, which I hope to be able to procure in the fall.

#### GRACE CHURCH, MADISON.

*Rev. James B. Britton, Rector.*

Families 80; Individuals 300. Communicants, died 2; removed 13; added 53; present number 85. Baptisms, Infants 15; Adults 2. Confirmed 3; Marriages 3; Burials, Infants 1; Adults 4. Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars 75; Library, 100 volumes.

Missions, General, \$20; Diocesan, \$10; Convention Fund, \$20; Parochial purposes, \$2914.33.

It should be added to the above, that about \$8000 are subscribed towards a new church, and that there is an earnest interest felt in the erection of such a building as shall be suitable for the Capital of the State, and a continually increasing congregation.

The Rector of this Parish and his family have met with many tokens of an appreciating people, not noticeable in a Parochial Report; and would be thankful that "the lines have fallen to him in pleasant places, and that he has a goodly heritage." May the good Lord reward all those who have done him good! Besides regular Sunday services, and generally a weekly lecture in the chapel, I have administered the Holy Communion and preached on two Sundays in Portage, in exchange with Rev. Mr. Thompson; held service and preached on a week evening at Columbus, and baptised two children; spent a Sunday in Milwaukee, officiating in St. Paul's and St. James' Churches, and have given two Sunday afternoons to country congregations, in two different school houses. We hope to lay the corner stone of a very handsome stone church ere long, and complete it at an early period.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, JANESVILLE.

*Rev. James Wells Coe, Rector.*

The present Rector commenced his parochial labors in this Parish on the 25th day of August last; since which time, number of Communicants removed from the Parish 2; added 23; present number 80. Baptisms, Adults, 2; Infants 24; total 26. Confirmations 7; Marriages 7; Burials 6. Sunday School Scholars, 100; Teachers 13.

Collections, for Sunday School \$10.20; Domestic Missions \$17.17; Nashotah \$20; Convention Fund \$8; Offerings \$150.09; Total \$205.46.

#### NASHOTAH MISSION.

*Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D., President.*

The Annual Term of Nashotah House for 1855-6 opened on the first Thursday in October last, with nineteen Candidates for Holy Orders, and fourteen young men preparing for Candidature. The four Candidates in the Senior Class graduated on Trinity Sunday, May 18th. One of them returned to his

an Bishop, in Indiana, for ordination. Three were ordained on that festival in the Chapel of the Mission, by Bishop Kemper.

Bishop White Hall, the edifice spoken of in the last year's report, is completed by the Lord's blessing, and has been occupied during all the past severe winter by the students, to their great comfort. The decaying structures hitherto occupied by the young men have been removed, with sincere thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for putting it into the hearts of his people to build a permanent and enduring edifice.

Nashotah Mission has struggled through another year, sustained by the love and offerings of the Church, unembarrassed with debt and with nothing to fear. Nashotah hopes by the Lord's blessing to continue as hitherto, dependent upon the gifts of the Lord's people.

Nashotah has been greatly afflicted by the death of Rev. Samuel Josiah Hayward, B. D., appointed Teacher of Hebrew by the Trustees in July last. He was called from us in the beginning of his usefulness, deeply deplored by all. His death occurred on Whit-Sunday—a blessed Euthanasia—on the Festival commemorating the coming of the Spirit, that will raise him and all the elect of God on the last great day.

Our most sincere thanks are presented to the Parishes and to the Churchmen of this Diocese who have aided Nashotah by their donations. Of these donations, one hundred dollars was received from Hon. Philo White, Minister Resident to Ecuador.

#### ST. SYLVANUS' CHURCH, NASHOTAH.

*Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D., Rector*

This Parish continues on its way in peace and quietness—in the Apostles' Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. We cannot refrain from expressing the sincere regret of the whole Parish for the removal of the Junior Warden, A. M. Slingerland, Esq., and his family, from the Diocese. This loss is great, both to the Parish and to the Diocese.

Families, 30; Communicants, removed 3; added 3; present number 80.—Baptisms, Children 2; Adults 2; total 4. Confirmations 5; Marriages 2.—Burials, Children 1; Adult 1; total 2.

Offerings, Convention Fund, \$4; Episcopal Fund, \$5.41; Assessment for Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$10; Diocesan Missions, \$21.80; Domestic Missions, \$18; Foreign Missions, 12; Sunday Schools, \$12.50; Diocesan Female Seminary at Oconomowoc, \$5; Diocesan College, Racine, \$5; Total \$93.71.

#### *Trusteeship.*

The Trustee of the valuable property occupied by Zion Church, Oconomowoc, would report, that since his report to the last Convention he has received and paid to Hon. John S. Rockwell twenty-seven Dollars. This sum makes the amount received and paid out for Zion Church \$684.75. The Trustee, by the terms of the Trust Deed, cannot deed this property to the Parish until the Hon. John S. Rockwell is paid \$416.25 more, with 10 per cent. interest from Jan. 1st, '55, or until Mr. Rockwell gives him written permission so to do.—The Trustee, by the terms of same Deed, cannot deed the property back to Mr. Rockwell until Mr. Rockwell repays \$684.75, with 10 per cent. interest on same date. Not knowing when either of the above named contingencies may occur, the Trustee will defer any further report until he can assure the Convention that he has ceased to hold the title of this property in trust.

AZEL D. COLE, Trustee.

#### ZION CHURCH, OCONOMOWOC.

*Rev. I. Wilson Davis, Rector.*

Report from November 1st, 1855:

Number of Families connected with the Parish, 23. Communicants, died,



1; removed 3; added 4; present number 23. Baptisms, Infants, 3. Burials, Adults, 2. Marriage, 1. Sunday School Teachers 5; Scholars 30.

Offerings, for Episcopal Fund, \$5; Bishop's Expenses, \$7.50; Convention Fund, \$2; Domestic Missions, \$3.50; Parochial purposes, \$23.84. Sunday School offerings, \$2.25.

The Diocesan Seminary for Young Ladies, connected by its location with this Parish, will go into operation early in the fall under the most favorable auspices. A charter has been obtained, a building purchased and furnished, and three able teachers, besides the Rector, are engaged to be ready for opening in September next a school for young Ladies which shall be every way worthy of the confidence and support of the Churchmen of Wisconsin. The school is to be conducted under the advice and direction of a Board of Visitors, consisting of the Bishop, the President of Nashotah, and the Rector of the Parish. A donation of \$100, by any individual or Parish, makes the donor a Trustee. More than \$2000 has been given by citizens of Oconomowoc and vicinity to start this enterprise; and it is hoped that the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese will help to promote the good work, not only by words of encouragement and sending of pupils, but by contributions of *material aid* to an amount equal, at least, to that of a Trusteeship on the part of each Parish.

#### CHURCH OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, DELAFIELD.

*Rev. James De Koven, Rector.*

During the past year I have continued to act as Tutor of Ecclesiastical History at Nashotah House, and have officiated as Rector of the Church of St. John Chrysostom, Delafield. The statistics of the Parish are as follows:

Families 28. Communicants, removed, 5; added, 17; present number 34. Baptisms, Infants, 4; Adults, 6; Total 10. Confirmed 14; Marriages 3; Burials, Infants, 2. Sunday School Teachers 7; Scholars, about 60; School Library, 150 vols. The Parish School is free, and has three Teachers, and between 40 and 50 scholars under daily instruction.

Offerings; Domestic Missions, \$12; Diocesan Missions, \$12; Foreign Missions, \$5; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$8; Assessment for Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$7.50; Convention Fund, \$2.50. Total for objects extra-parochial, \$47. For Parochial purposes, \$281.63. In addition to this, \$88.56 have been contributed by the Parish for the purchase of a Melodeon.

The Church has been furnished by one of the Communicants with beautiful and appropriate oak furniture, at an expense of \$700. Another has caused to be placed in the chancel a memorial window to the memory of the Founder of the Parish, the late R. Ralston Cox. Another member has carpeted the church, and made other improvements in the church-yard, at an expense of about \$100. An additional lot has been also given for the Parish School.—In addition to the above, \$235 have been contributed from abroad, principally for the support of the School. The total amount of Parochial Donations in and for the Parish, exclusive of the Rector's salary, has been for the past year \$1455.19. The church was consecrated as a Free Church forever to the service of Almighty God upon May the 20th of the present year.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FOND DU LAC.

*Rev. George B. Eastman, Rector.*

Number of families connected with the Parish, about 100; Individuals, 360. Communicants, died, 2; removed, 5; added, 12; present number, 82. Baptisms, Infants, 10; Adults, 2; Total, 12. Marriages, 13. Burials, Infants, 5; Adults, 4; Total, 7. Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 40.

Offerings of the Parish, for Episcopal Fund, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$11.20; Convention Fund, \$4.48; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$15; Communion Collections, \$76.04; Domestic Missions, \$9; Parochial objects, \$150; Total, \$270.72.

The condition of the Parish continues prosperous. A very commodious Parsonage has been built during the past year, and occupied by the Rector.

by a unanimous vote of the Vestry, on the first day of April last, the Missionary Stipend was relinquished, and the Parish became self-supporting. By slight alteration in the church, six additional pews have been made; but as church accommodation is still insufficient, and a greater enlargement will, I trust, be effected during the present year.

#### CHRIST CHURCH, GREEN BAY.

*Rev. Charles C. Edmunds, Rector.*

Number of families connected with the Parish, 66; Individuals not included in the families, 18; Communicants, removed, 2; added, 2; present number 51; Baptisms, Infants, 2; Marriages 2; Burials 5; Sunday School Teachers, 3; Scholars, 30; Library, 100 vols.; Parish Library, 178 vols.; Pastor's Library, 30 vols.

Offerings of the Parish; for Episcopal Fund, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$5; Convention Fund, \$5.57; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$10; Domestic Missions, \$8.57; Foreign Missions, \$8.39; Nashotah Theological Seminary, \$50.83; Parish poor, \$6.04; Parochial purposes, including the present Rector's salary so far as paid, \$383.55. The Sunday School has also raised \$16.80, to purchase Library Books for itself.

In addition to the above, the Ladies of the Parish have, with very commendable zeal and industry, raised a sufficient amount to finish paying the debt on the Parsonage, being about \$70.

The above statistics are for the past year. The present Rector's connection with the Parish dates from Oct. 1st, 1855, since which time he has held services twice a day upon Sundays and Holy days, and preached twice a day upon every Sunday, with three exceptions; on one of which occasions he was sick, on another the Bishop was here and admitted the Rector to the Priesthood, and on the third a brother Clergyman officiated for him. A short time ago the Rector began to hold services on Sunday afternoons, at Lower Duck creek, and at Howard, once a month at each place. In both places there are families belonging to the Church, and very fair congregations are gathered. He intends to devote a third Sunday afternoon to the town of Depere, where also there are several church families, and a number of baptized children, who need looking after. We shall have some candidates for confirmation when the Bishop visits us, in midsummer. The Rector feels greatly encouraged in his labors, and hopes much, by God's blessing, for the future of the parish.

#### HOBART CHURCH, DUCK CREEK.

*Rev. E. A. Goodnough, Missionary.*

Families, 50; Individuals, 300. Communicants, died, 8; removed, 1; added, 24; present number, 80. Baptisms, Infants, 29; Adults, 3; Total, 32.—Confirmed, 15; Marriages, 10. Burials, Infants, 7; Adults, 8; Total, 15.

Offerings: Convention Fund, \$2; Assessment for the Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$10; Parochial purposes, \$45.

#### CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSION, STEVENS' POINT.

*Rev. T. Greene, Rector.*

Families connected with the Parish, 31; Individuals, 74. Communicants, removed, 3; added, 4; present number, 11. Baptisms, Children, 7; Marriages, 6; Burials, 10. Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 52.

The church edifice has been enlarged (at an expense of \$550) by an addition of 16 pews. The Ladies have provided a handsome carpet for the floor, and a set of Venetian blinds for the windows. The church lot has been enclosed, and we expect to have the Cemetery ready for consecration when the Bishop makes his next visitation to this place.

During the past year Divine Service has been celebrated without intermission twice every Lord's day, and once on each of the Festival and Fast days of the Church. The services are always attended by large congregations,

who appear deeply interested. The responses are generally full ; singing and chanting are excellent and soul exciting—proving, I trust, that we “ worship God in the beauty of holiness.” Occasional services have also been held at Wausau and Little Bull Falls.

#### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WHITEWATER.

*Rev. L. Ravella Humphrey, Rector.*

During the last conventional year, services have been held in this Parish as usual. The Parsonage, reported at last Convention as in process of erection, has been completed. I think the Parish may be said to be as generally prosperous as might be expected.

Families, 26. Communicants, added, 6 ; removed, 4 ; died, 1 ; present number, 42. Baptisms, Infants, 4 ; Adults, 1 ; Total, 5. Confirmed, 2 ; Marriages, 4 ; Burials, 3.

Collections ; Alms, \$26.82 ; Parish purposes, \$550 ; for Brother Brainerd's horse, \$7 ; Diocesan Fund, \$10 ; Total \$593.82.

#### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.

*Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D., Rector.*

The number of Families, 57 ; Communicants, 60. Adult Baptisms, 3 ; Infant Baptisms, 19 ; Total 22. Confirmed, 10 ; Marriages, 9 ; Burials, 12.—Suspended from the Holy Communion, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 9 ; Scholars, average attendance, 50 ; Members of Bible Class, 30 ; Parish Library, vols., 250.

Offerings ; for Domestic Missions, \$10 ; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$10 ; Nashotah, \$27 ; Parish purposes, \$109.07 ; Total, \$156.07.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.

*Rev. David Keene, B. D., Rector ; Rev. Luther Gregory, B. D., Assistant.*

Communicants, 57. Baptisms, Adults, 2 ; Infants, 22 ; Total, 24. Confirmed, 7 ; Burials, 9 ; Scholars in Sunday School, 50. In the Parish School there are 21 children under daily instruction.

Offerings for Sunday School purposes, \$5.47 ; for Convention Fund, \$5 ; for Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$10 ; for Parochial purposes, \$108.70.

There are now connected with this Parish the following Missionary Stations:—Oak Creek, in Milwaukee County, Waterford, Rochester, Burlington, in Racine County, and Muskego in Waukesha County. The Rev. Luther Gregory, Deacon, will confine his labors chiefly to these stations during the period of his diaconate—the Rector visiting them every two or three months for the purpose of administering the Holy Communion. The idea of thus associating these Missionary stations with the Parish is, that both Rector and Assistant may mutually aid and encourage each other, and afford more perfect and efficient service to the Missionary field connected with it. It will, at the least, relieve the Missionary of that feeling of isolation which is often harder to bear than either labor or poverty. I hope that a year's experience will prove the wisdom of the plan.

The Parish School, a new and interesting feature in our Parish, was opened on Ascension Day, and now numbers 22 scholars. We are already reaping most cheering fruits in improved responses and excellent congregational singing—in both of which the children are under constant instruction. How I am to meet the expenses incurred by our School is more than I know ; but my trust is in God, who has never yet, blessed be His name, failed.

#### REV. LEWIS A. KEMPER.

I have officiated each Sunday : most of my services will be included in the reports of the various parishes where performed. I have kept up regular monthly services in Ashipen township, Dodge County, where I trust a small Church will be begun in the Autumn.

statistics of this Mission are:—Communicants, 24. Baptisms, Adults 9; Total 10. Confirmed 4; Burials 3. Contributions for other local objects \$19,50.

#### CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, GENEVA.

*Rev. J. McNamara, Rector.*

Number of Families, 34; Individuals, 117. Communicants, removed 4; 6; present number 22. Baptisms, Infants 12; Adult 1; Total 13.—Deaths, 3; Funeral, Infant, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 32. Rings, for Parochial purposes, \$329,68; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$5.

REV. S. C. MILLETT.

At the last Convention, I have officiated at Janesville, until the Rev. Mr. took charge of the Parish; and at Waukesha from December, until the next time. Baptisms, Infants, 1; Marriages, 1.

#### TRINITY CHURCH, BERLIN.

*Rev. P. Browne Morrison, B. D., Missionary.*

Number of Families, 12; Individuals, about 75. Communicants, added, 5; removed, 2; suspended, 1; present number, 12. Baptisms, Infants, 19; Adults, 1; Total, 20. Confirmations, 4; Marriages, 4. Burials, Infants, 4; Adults, 5; Total, 9. Sunday School Scholars, school not commenced; Sunday School Library, volumes, over 150; Parish Library, volumes, 27. Rings; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$5; Indian Missions, \$2; Parish and other purposes, amount not known. Number of Services in Berlin, over 60; in other places, 25. No. of times Holy Communion administered, 9.

Above is the report of work done to April 20, at which time I resigned my position, prior to going east.

#### ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, RACINE.

*Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, Rector.*

Families, about 112; Communicants, 106. Baptisms, Adults, 1; Infants, 26; 27. Marriages, 9. Burials, Adults, 6; Infants, 7; Total, 13. Sunday School Teachers, 8; Scholars, 96. Collections in Sunday School, for books, &c, \$25; Communion alms and offerings, \$135. From the latter have been given: For publishing Journal of the Mission \$5; Domestic Missions, \$13; Episcopal Fund, \$10,48; Assessment of the Parish \$25. Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$25. The amount remaining has been applied to parochial and charitable purposes.

Estimating the number of families, I have not only included those which sit in the church, but several others which habitually call upon me for pastoral duty, and are therefore within my care. The Parish is decidedly increasing, although we have lost several families by removal. If its increase, however, has not kept pace with that of the population of the city, it is owing in great measure to the fact that, of the new families that have recently arrived, very few are Episcopalians. Most of these have connected themselves with the sects to which they formerly belonged. It is hoped and trusted that in future, among the households moving westward and settling among us, there will be more in proportion than there have been, in this place especially, who were born and nurtured in the Church; who are attached to her conservative ways; who are not given to novelty and change, but are true supporters and uniform and constant lovers of Zion and her ministry, for the Master's sake.

## RACINE COLLEGE.

*Rev. Roswell Park, D. D., President.*

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the past year, and amid multiplied bereavements, he has been engaged, as usual, in the duties of his office, and in assisting his clerical brethren. He believes the College to be in a healthy condition, with 62 students now in attendance, and with the prospect of being free from debt at the close of the present session; besides having received some donations from Chicago and Milwaukee towards the purchase of apparatus, &c. The English Department of the College has been in an excellent condition, this year, under the efficient charge of Mr. Edward Seymour. The total sum contributed towards the endowment of the College, from its origin until now, in the Diocese of Wisconsin, and without the City of Racine, is \$488; of which sum \$100 was contributed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper, and \$384 by Friends in Milwaukee, including donations for the Organ. Every dollar which has been given to the College, from any source, has been applied to its permanent endowment: and its Teachers have received nothing but the tuition fees of the Students. Such is the support, which, for nearly four years, the College has received from the Diocese, while struggling for existence.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELKHORN.

*Rev. G. E. Peters, late Rector.*

I resigned this Parish at Easter. Since then the Church has been closed, excepting two Sundays—I officiating in other parts of the Diocese. The Rev. Mr. Thompson, however, has now received and accepted a call to this place, and has entered upon his work.

During the past year the interest in church matters has increased, especially among the younger portion of the community. The Ladies have been uniting in their efforts for the permanent and future good of the Parish.—They have secured a desirable and handsome lot, joining the church lot, for a parsonage, and have paid towards the purchase \$160. The price of the lot is \$300. This good work, now begun, of buying a lot and erecting a parsonage thereon, I trust my successor will not let rest until the whole is completed.

Baptisms, since my last report, are—Adults 2; Children 19; Total 21.—Confirmations 2; Marriages 3; Deaths 1. Besides, I have been called to bury 2 at Delavan and 2 in Lagrange.

Collections; for publishing the Journal of Convention, \$2; Domestic Missions, \$5.27; Parish purposes, \$29; Total \$36.27.

## TRINITY CHURCH, MINERAL POINT.

*Rev. Josiah Phelps, Rector.*

Number of Families connected with the Parish, 38; Individuals, about 200. Communicants, died, 2; removed 3; added, 9; present number, 48. Baptisms, Infants, 30; Adults, 5; Total, 35. Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 3. Burials, Infants, 7; Adults, 5; Total, 12. Sunday Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30; Library, none.

Offerings of the Parish; for Episcopal Fund, \$5; Diocesan Missions, \$4; Convention Fund, \$3; Parochial purposes, \$193.72; Board of Missions, Domestic Committee, \$10; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$20; Total, \$235.72.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WATERTOWN.

*Rev. L. W. Russ, Rector.*

Number of Families connected with the Parish, 43; Individuals, 155. Communicants, removed, 3; added, 2; present number, 44. Baptisms, Infants, 2; Adults, 4; Total, 6. Marriages, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30; Sunday School Library, vols., 100; Parish Library, 20.

Offerings of the Parish, for Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$10; Convention Fund, \$10; Parish Poor, \$33.58; Parochial purposes, \$596.17; Total, \$649.75.

My services as the Rector of this Parish commenced last Easter day. I am happy to say that I find the field a pleasant one, and full of promise. If I am not mistaken, the materials are at hand for making this a strong Parish. I cannot speak too highly of the zeal and liberality of this true-hearted, intelligent, loyal band of Churchmen, with whom, and for whom, I find it a pleasure to labor and to live. The Parish, since I came here, has become self-supporting. We are contemplating the speedy erection of a new and beautiful Church, the need of which we deeply feel. We hope, also, ere long to have a Parsonage and Parish School. What we do, we mean to do well. On foundations strong and true, which no earthly power can disturb, we would see the Church in her integrity reared, to stand and to triumph. May His blessing be on us, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy.

#### •ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, LISBON.

*Rev. Henry C. Shaw, Rector.*

Families, 60. Communicants, removed, 5; added, 33; present number, 87. Baptisms, Infants, 38; Adults, 2; Total, 40. Confirmed, 30; Marriages, 4.—Burials, Infants, 4; Adults, 3; Total, 7. Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 65.

Offerings; Domestic Missions, \$6; Foreign Missions, \$7.60; Nashotah, \$50.9; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$10; Parochial purposes, \$23.65; Total, \$97.44.

By God's blessing, the prospects of this Parish, are encouraging. We are enlarging our temporary house of worship, to meet the immediate wants of the congregation, by the addition of a recess chancel; and the hearts and minds of the people are truly engaged in the work of their Lord and His Church. During the past year, in addition to my regular duties here, I have held stated services abroad once in 4 weeks; first in Germantown, but utterly at Menominee Falls, where we assemble 15 families belonging to the Church, and a large congregation hitherto unacquainted with our form of worship.

#### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BELOIT.

*Rev. John E. C. Sneden, Rector.*

Families, 60; Communicants, 53. Baptized, Adults, 3; Infants, 20; Total, 23. Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 3. Burials, Adults, 3; Infants, 6; Total, 9.—Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 35.

Offerings; for Domestic Missions, \$25; Diocesan Missions, \$10; Foreign Missions, \$5; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$15; Episcopal Fund, \$5; Convention Fund, \$5; Sunday School, \$10; Parochial and charitable uses, \$70.50; Total, \$145.50.

Since the last Convention \$1200 have been obtained in the Parish, and expended in paying an old debt and completing the church. The church was consecrated on the 27th of March. The Parish has taken measures for the maintenance of its Rector; which has enabled him to resign as Missionary of the Domestic Committee—his resignation bearing date April 1, 1856.

#### ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, WAUKESHA.

*Rev. Charles B. Stout, late Rector.*

Families, about 25; Communicants, 35. Baptisms, 2 Infants; Marriages, 3; Burials, 3; Confirmed, 3.

The absence of the Rector for much of the year past, on an important agency for the "Western Church Extension Society," compels him to send only an imperfect Report.

The Church, long in building, was consecrated on the 28th day of June, 1855, and is now a commodious and appropriate house of worship. The services are generally well attended, and in time this Parish must become an

important one. The Ladies, with praiseworthy zeal, have raised about one hundred and fifty dollars the past year, which has furnished the church with carpet and chairs. A pulpit is still wanting, and suitable reading desk and font. These it is hoped may be supplied ere long.

The Parish has lost some by removals—three Communicants, at least—and three new ones have been admitted to Communion. This Report being written from home, the late Rector is not able to say what contributions have been made for Missions.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTAGE.

*Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, B. D., Deacon.*

Families last reported as connected in worshipping and contributing, 47; removed, 5; added, by removal and from other bodies, 19; present number, 61. Communicants last reported, 36; lost by removal, 4; added by confirmation, 5; by transfer, 13; present number, 50. Baptized, Adults, 1; Infants, 4; Total, 5. Confirmed, 5; Marriages, 4; Buried, 4. Parish School, Scholars, 58; Teachers, 3, including Minister.

Offerings; Moneys collected for church building in the Parish (including two Pairs by Ladies), at least \$3,000; Bishop's Travelling Expenses, \$10; Convention Fund, \$1.65; current Parish outlays, not included above, \$37; Domestic Missions, \$2.50.

The resources of the Parish have been tried to the utmost during the year past, in bringing our large and handsome Church to completion. For a short time I was absent in the East, soliciting aid; during the rest of the year services have been conducted with no interruption—using the basement (a low, unplastered cellar,) of the new church. The Bishop visited us on the 1st of June, and confirmed, administered the holy Communion, and preached in the new building. We are now in the use of it. It is the third church for size in the Diocese. The windows are filled with stained glass, the walls are to be frescoed, and a large and sweet-toned bell hangs in the tower. We trust to have the work all done and the debts all paid by the last day of August, when the Bishop is to consecrate it. Our debt, a mortgaged one, six gentlemen of the vestry pledged themselves to the Bishop to assume personally, if not paid before he comes. I have not reckoned this above:—it is twelve hundred dollars. The building will cost us when complete near six thousand dollars. We have received in this enterprise aid to the amount of between five and six hundred dollars, including some unpaid pledges. We return our distant friends many thanks for their Christian charity. Services have been held on all Lord's days; on the greater feasts and fasts; twice a week, with lectures, during Lent; and in Passion Week daily, morning and evening.

The most noticeable event of the year, besides the erection of our Church, is the establishment, successfully, of a large Parish School. I have taught three hours a day, gratuitously. Latin, Mathematics, and Greek; have during the winter, walked a mile through the snow, swept out the room and built the fires; have paid, from my own small means, at least thirty dollars beyond receipts; and now, if I could but procure a *competent* and *permanent* teacher, we might have a successful Church High School, a feeder to Racine and Nashotah.

Of Baraboo and Newport I have nothing to report: my time and strength have been exhausted by Portage. A Clergyman is greatly needed for those points. I can only comfort myself, in view of their destitution, with the reflection that one lonely Deacon cannot be expected to do much in so vast a country.

My experience has during the past year been uniform with the former—an experience of kindness, abundant gifts, and entire confidence and hearty support from the people of St. John's. They seem never weary in showering obligations upon me and mine. May the good Lord bless them here and hereafter!

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELKHORN.

*Rev. Henry M. Thompson, Rector.*

Having, by Divine favor, joined my Parish so lately, I can of course only report myself to be on the ground; hoping soon to become acquainted with the affairs of the Parish and the state of my flock.

## TRINITY CHURCH, OSHKOSH.

*Rev. D. W. Telford, Rector.*

Date of Parish organization, 1854; No. of Families, 70; No. of Communicants added, 11; present 51. Baptisms, Adults, 2; Infants, 9; Total, 11.—Confirmed, 2 (in Waupacea Co.); Marriages, 2. Burials, Infants, 3; Adults, 2; Total, 5. Sunday School Teachers, 4; Scholars, 35; Library, vols., 260.

The attention of the Rector of this new Parish has been mainly directed, lately, to securing a Church Property, and Parsonage for the church. This he has been able, with the Divine blessing, nearly to accomplish—through subscriptions at home, and the kindness and liberality of Rectors and Churchmen in Milwaukee, Kenosha, Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburg, and a timely donation of one hundred dollars from an old friend of the Rector, Willard Parker, Esq. of Detroit. When the payment is completed, as it will be the coming month, the Parish will be in possession of a property at present worth at least *Three Thousand Dollars*, and increasing in value.

The Vestry have instructed the Building Committee to procure plans and estimates for a church edifice. The Committee are now employed in so doing, and the corner stone will probably be laid this month. We contemplate building a Gothic edifice, to contain between four and five hundred sittings.

The field is new, but the population is rapidly increasing, and I see no reason why this Parish should not become an important one.

## ST. OLOF'S PARISH, ASHIPUN.

*Rev. G. Unonius, Rector.*

The present report, which I respectfully submit to the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin, is in its character and statistics very similar to that of the last year. Owing to circumstances with which you are well acquainted, we cannot, at least not for the present, expect an increase in number of that little parish within your jurisdiction, of which I, although residing in another Diocese, am the Rector. We may be glad and thankful that our records do not show a decrease.

According to a letter received this day from the lay reader, Mr. Sorenson, the families are in number the same as last year, viz. 46. The number of communicants is 64. In the course of the year I have baptized 7 infants and buried 2 persons.

Until April last I have regularly every month visited the Parish, but since that time my engagement and parochial charge in Chicago has made it impossible for me to render St. Olof my services oftener than four times a year. It is to be hoped, however, that the little flock will be kept together by their faithful lay reader, until it will please God in his own good time to enable us better to provide for their spiritual necessities.

## CHRIST CHURCH, NEW CALIFORNIA.

*Rev. Ebnazer Williams, Rector.*

In the congregation at New California, as in most other places where there is no church edifice, the number of attending families considerably fluctuates. Some, however, have become very warmly, and I believe zealously, attached to the spiritual services of our Church.

I travelled far and suffered severely, last winter, endeavoring to obtain aid for the erection of Christ Church. I was very kindly treated by the Right Rev. Bishop and Clergy of St. Louis, by the Right Rev. Bishop Otey, and the Rev. Mr. Well, Rector at Memphis. With much gratitude I felt the



kindness of the Right Rev. Bishop Polk and his amiable family, together with all the Clergy of New Orleans—particularly the Rev. Mr. Goodrich, by whom I was entertained during most of my stay in the city.

A charter was granted last winter for a Rail Road through this portion of the country; consequently, it is deemed expedient to postpone any erection for the present; for wherever a Depot may be, it is most likely to attract population, and will, finally, abolish many of our present flourishing villages.

Since my last report the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper visited this station—on the first of July and on Whitsunday—when the Holy Eucharist was administered to eight persons. Services have been without intermission, except when I was absent in behalf of the Parish, at Christ Church and my own cottage.

Baptisms, in the Parish of Christ Church, Adults 1. Infants 7. Baptized at my house, one Infant and solemnized two Marriages; officiated at a Funeral at Mifflin, and at another several miles in an opposite direction. My services hitherto, have been gratuitous to all. Diocesan Collection, \$3.

#### ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, KENOSHIA.

Baptisms by Rev. H. Bishop since the Annual Convention, June 14, 1854, up to the time Mr. Bishop resigned, some time in April last—Adults, 10; Infants, 8; Total, 18. Marriages, 8; Burials, 14; Communicants, 55; Sunday School Scholars, 95.

Collections for special purposes, on the first Sunday in each month, \$462.54. Collections on Sundays, for incidental expenses, \$91.48.

A true copy from the Parish Register, errors excepted.

B. C. ADAMS, S. Warden.

#### GRACE CHURCH, SHEBOYGAN.

*Rev. J. B. Pradt, Rector elect.*

This Parish has been vacant since the resignation of the Rev. L. Wilson Davis in consequence of ill health, in September, 1854, till the present time; and has been mostly unsupplied with pastoral services for a longer period.—The Rev. A. B. Peabody officiated for us very acceptably, however, during several weeks of last summer, and we are happy to say that the services of the Rev. J. B. Pradt, from the Diocese of Pa., have been secured for the ensuing year.

The number of families at present connected with the Parish is about 30, and there is about the same number of Communicants. Since the last report to the Convention, (in 1854,) 8 children and 1 adult have been baptized.

In anticipation of the resumption of services, the Church has been painted and otherwise repaired; and we are encouraged with the hope that the cause of the Gospel and Church of Christ will again revive and flourish among us.

A. HIGBY, Warden of Grace Church.

# ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| PARISHES ACCORDING TO SENIORITY.   | RECTORS OR MINISTERS.             | Date of Organization. | Families. | Communicants. | Baptized. | Confirmed. | Marriages. | Burials. | S. Scholars. | Parochial Donations. | Missionary & other Contributions. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Christ Church, Green Bay.....      | Rev. Charles C. Edmunds.....      | 1829                  | 66        | 21            | 2         | 9          | 2          | 5        | 80           | 92 75                | 28 04                             |
| St. Paul's, Milwaukee.....         | Rev. E. A. Goodenough.....        | 1838                  | 50        | 80            | 82        | 15         | 10         | 15       | ..           | 45 00                | 12 00                             |
| Hobart Church, Duck Creek.....     | Rev. John E. C. Snelleda.....     | 1840                  | 100       | 75            | 16        | 8          | 8          | 14       | 95           | 462 58               | 65 00                             |
| St. Matthew's, Kenosha.....        | Rev. Henry M. Thompson.....       | 1841                  | 60        | 58            | 23        | 5          | 8          | 9        | 85           | 1280 50              | 1 57                              |
| St. Paul's, Beloit.....            | Rev. I. Ravella Humphrey.....     | 1841                  | 1841      | 21            | 2         | 2          | 4          | 8        | ..           | 180 00               | 17 00                             |
| St. John's, Elkhorn.....           | Rev. Henry C. Shaw.....           | 1842                  | 26        | 42            | 67        | 40         | 4          | 3        | 65           | 576 82               | 78 79                             |
| St. Luke's, Whitewater.....        | Rev. Joseph H. Nichols.....       | 1842                  | 60        | 57            | 27        | 30         | 4          | 18       | 96           | 28 65                | 53 48                             |
| St. Alban's, Lisbon.....           | Rev. C. B. Stout, (resigned)..... | 1842                  | 112       | 106           | 27        | 8          | 9          | 3        | ..           | 106 52               | ..                                |
| St. Luke's, Racine.....            | Rev. James W. Coe.....            | 1844                  | 25        | 35            | 8         | 3          | 2          | 2        | 100          | 150 00               | 45 17                             |
| St. Matthias, Waukesha.....        | Rev. G. Unolus.....               | 1844                  | 96        | 64            | 7         | 4          | ..         | 2        | ..           | 160 29               | ..                                |
| Trinity Church, Janesville.....    | Rev. David Keene, B. D.....       | 1844                  | 42        | 80            | 26        | 7          | 7          | 6        | ..           | ..                   | ..                                |
| St. Olaf's, Ashippun.....          | Rev. Josiah Phelps.....           | 1844                  | 96        | 64            | 7         | 4          | ..         | 2        | ..           | ..                   | ..                                |
| Christ Church, Delavan.....        | Rev. James B. Britton.....        | 1845                  | 35        | 48            | 35        | 5          | 3          | 12       | 30           | 168 72               | 42 00                             |
| Trinity Church, Mineral Point..... | Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D.....      | 1846                  | 80        | 85            | 17        | 8          | 3          | 5        | 75           | 2914 88              | 50 00                             |
| Grace Church, Madison.....         | Rev. L. Wilson Davis.....         | 1846                  | 30        | 80            | 4         | 5          | 2          | 2        | ..           | 12 50                | 81 21                             |
| St. Sylvanus, Nashotah.....        | Rev. David Keene, B. D.....       | 1846                  | 28        | 38            | 8         | ..         | 1          | 2        | 30           | 18 00                | 96 09                             |
| Zion Church, Oconomowoc.....       | Rev. L. W. Russ.....              | 1847                  | 50        | 50            | 20        | 7          | ..         | 9        | ..           | 114 17               | 15 00                             |
| Grace Church, Sheboygan.....       | Rev. Geo. B. Eastman.....         | 1847                  | 44        | 57            | 24        | 7          | 1          | ..       | ..           | 629 75               | ..                                |
| St. John's, Milwaukee.....         | Rev. J. McNamara.....             | 1847                  | 48        | 44            | 6         | ..         | ..         | ..       | ..           | ..                   | ..                                |
| St. Paul's, Watertown.....         | Rev. J. McNamara.....             | 1848                  | ..        | ..            | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..       | ..           | ..                   | ..                                |
| St. James', Manitowoc.....         | Rev. Geo. B. Eastman.....         | 1849                  | ..        | ..            | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..       | ..           | ..                   | ..                                |
| Christ Church, Green Lake.....     | Rev. J. McNamara.....             | 1849                  | ..        | ..            | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..       | ..           | ..                   | ..                                |
| Holy Communion, Geneva.....        | Rev. J. McNamara.....             | 1849                  | 100       | 82            | 12        | ..         | 13         | 7        | 40           | 226 04               | 44 65                             |
| Holy Communion, Ozaucue.....       | Rev. J. McNamara.....             | 1850                  | 34        | 22            | 13        | ..         | 3          | 1        | 32           | 829 68               | 5 00                              |
| Emmanuel Church, Bloomfield.....   | Rev. J. P. T. Lortcham, B. D..... | 1850                  | ..        | ..            | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..       | ..           | ..                   | ..                                |
| St. James', Milwaukee.....         | Rev. Q. R. Bartlett.....          | 1851                  | 57        | 60            | 22        | 10         | 9          | 1        | 56           | 109 67               | 47 00                             |
| Trinity Church, Marquette.....     | Rev. James De Koren.....          | 1851                  | 10        | 10            | ..        | ..         | ..         | 12       | 18           | 5 29                 | 16 00                             |
| Grace Church, Darford.....         | Rev. Thomas Greene.....           | 1851                  | ..        | ..            | ..        | ..         | ..         | ..       | ..           | ..                   | ..                                |
| St. John Church, Delafield.....    | Rev. D. W. Fulkner.....           | 1852                  | 28        | 36            | 10        | ..         | ..         | 9        | 60           | 1435 10              | 47 00                             |
| Intercession, Stevens Point.....   | Rev. D. W. Fulkner.....           | 1854                  | 31        | 11            | 7         | ..         | ..         | 10       | 59           | 520 00               | ..                                |
| Trinity Church, Oshkosh.....       | Rev. D. W. Fulkner.....           | 1854                  | 70        | 41            | 11        | ..         | ..         | 10       | 305          | 5200 00              | ..                                |

## SUMMARY OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

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| Families in 23 parishes,.....                                                                        | 1152 | } Total,..... | 1553 |
| Estimated in 12 parishes,.....                                                                       | 400  |               |      |
| Communicants in 29 parishes,.....                                                                    | 1416 | } Total,..... | 1662 |
| Estimated in 6 parishes,.....                                                                        | 266  |               |      |
| Baptisms in 28 parishes,.....                                                                        | 428  | } Total,..... | 458  |
| Estimated in 7 parishes,.....                                                                        | 30   |               |      |
| Confirmed in 21 parishes,.....                                                                       | 154  | } Total,..... | 167  |
| Confirmed elsewhere,.....                                                                            | 13   |               |      |
| Marriages in 25 parishes,.....                                                                       | 111  | } Total,..... | 136  |
| Estimated in 10 parishes,.....                                                                       | 25   |               |      |
| Burials in 29 parishes,.....                                                                         | 172  | } Total,..... | 202  |
| Estimated in 6 parishes,.....                                                                        | 30   |               |      |
| Sunday Scholars in 20 parishes,.....                                                                 | 1001 | } Total,..... | 1351 |
| Estimated in 15 parishes,.....                                                                       | 350  |               |      |
| Parochial donations, including those for churches and<br>parsonages, in 25 parishes,.....\$17,238 85 |      |               |      |
| Missionary and other extraneous contributions in 24<br>parishes, .....\$757 38                       |      |               |      |

To the last item should be added several hundred dollars, contributed by St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, from which no Report has been received, owing to the absence of the Rector.

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**OF THE**  
**DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE, 1847.**

**ARTICLE I.**

*Acceding to the General Constitution.*

A Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, desirous of entering into federal union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, does accordingly accede to, and adopt the General Constitution and canons of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

**ARTICLE II.**

*Annual Convention.*

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the third Wednesday of June.

**ARTICLE III.**

*Members of Convention.*

1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Laity.
2. Every Clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese and having charge of a Parish, (or officiating as a Missionary within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as lecturer, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy, or seminary of learning licensed or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the navy or of the United States,) shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention. In every case, however, where a Clergyman is not able to hold a cure of souls, arising from bodily infirmity, or shall not for such cause be excluded from a seat in this Convention.
3. The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four Deputies from each congregation in this Diocese in union with this Convention, a certificate of whose appointment shall be presented by either the Minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the vestry, and laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

**ARTICLE IV.**

*President of Convention.*

The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, shall, ex-officio, preside in Convention, and be entitled to vote on all questions. The assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall also have a seat and a vote, and in the absence of the Bishop, shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the office, or of the absence of the Bishop and of the Assistant Bishop, or their inability to attend, the members shall elect from the Presbytery, a President pro tempore.

**ARTICLE V.**

*Transaction of Business.*

1. The Bishop, with such Clergymen and Lay Deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
2. The Clergy and Lay Deputies shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such.
3. On a call of any five members, the Convention shall vote by orders. In such a case the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure, and each order shall be entitled to only one vote.
4. On every question, the votes of a majority of those present, or when voting by ballot, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide the question.

**ARTICLE VI.**

*Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.*

1. At each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen from among its members, and shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, and when approved, to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of the

Bishop all originals, and to his successor all books and papers relating to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. An Assistant Secretary may also be chosen, if requested by the Secretary.

Sec. 2. A Treasurer of this Convention shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the Secretary of the Convention, for the use of the Convention, and shall present a statement of his accounts at each annual Convention.

Sec. 3. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all money, bonds, mortgages, notes, or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal, or incapacity.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *Standing Committee.*

Sec. 1. The Convention shall elect annually, a Standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and four Laymen; who, when there is no Bishop, or he incapable of acting, shall be the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, for all purposes declared in this constitution.

Sec. 2. The said Presbyters must be of those entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese.

Sec. 3. The Lay members of the Committee must be communicants of some church in the Diocese, in union with the Convention.

Sec. 4. The Committee, at their first meeting, shall choose a President from among the Clerical members, and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for this purpose, which book and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention.

Sec. 5. The Bishop shall have power to supply vacancies which may occur in this body during the recess of the Convention.

Sec. 6. The whole being summoned, three of the Committee, both orders being represented—shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### *Deputies to General Convention.*

Sec. 1. At every Annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Sec. 2. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters, canonical connected with this Diocese, and having parochial charges.

Sec. 3. In case of a failure or neglect of the Convention to elect Deputies, those already in office shall continue until successors are chosen.

Sec. 4. The Convention shall also elect, by ballot, a like number of Supplementary Deputies of each order, to serve as Deputies contingently.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop in writing, at least six weeks before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment, and intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many of the Supplementary Deputies, as shall be necessary to insure a full representation of the Diocese; and the persons so designated shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by the Convention.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### *Special Conventions.*

Sec. 1. The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention.

Sec. 2. There shall be no less than six weeks notice, previous to the day appointed, given to the several Churches by a circular letter.

Sec. 3. Such special Convention shall be holden at a place designated by the Ecclesiastical Authority calling it; and at such special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### *Admission of Parishes.*

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes: provided they shall have laid before the Convention a Constitution, subscribed by the Wardens, wherein they expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and are duly incorporated, and regularly organized by the election of two Wardens, and at least three Vestrymen.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### *Election of a Bishop.*

Sec. 1. After the first, no other election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made, unless in an annual Convention, or in a special Convention called for the purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing, and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to every Clergyman and Vestry of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. The election shall be made in the following manner:—The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office; and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. If two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to vote be represented, then a majority of each order shall determine a choice. Should there not

be two-thirds of the Clergy and congregations present, then two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Alteration of Constitution.*

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner:—The proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted to the annual Convention; and if approved of by a majority of both orders, shall lie over to the next annual Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each order, shall become valid and obligatory.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*The Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.*

SEC. 1. All real estate granted, personal property, or monies given or bequeathed, to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, for any specified object, shall forever be and remain inviolably appropriated to such specified object, and shall not by authority of the Convention, or any other power, be diverted from such specified object, or employed by the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," in any commercial business whatever.

SEC. 2. This article shall in no case be altered or amended, except as it is provided in Article XII of this Constitution; and in addition thereto, a vote of two-thirds of each order shall be required to make such alteration or amendment.

*Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.*

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NOTE.—The *Thirteenth Article* of this Constitution was added by the Diocesan Convention of 1849, as *Instructions to "The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."*

**CANONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT**  
**OF THE**  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
**IN THE**  
**DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 24, 1847.**

**CANON I.**

*List of Clergymen in the Diocese.*

On or before the first day of the meeting of the Convention, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the President of the Standing Committee, to give to the Secretary of the Convention a certified list of the names of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, and entitled to seats and votes in Convention.

**CANON II.**

*Opening of Convention.*

Every Convention shall be opened with the Public Common Prayer of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon by a Presbyter appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver a Sermon or Charge.

**CANON III.**

*Standing Committees of Convention. Adopted in 1850. Amended in 1855.*

In order to organize the Convention, the President shall appoint a Special Committee of three Clergymen, to receive the certificates of appointment of the Lay Deputies, and prepare a List of the same for the use of the Secretary; and after the Convention is fully organized, the President shall appoint Standing Committees, consisting of three members each, upon the following subjects:

- 1st. A Committee on the Admission of Parishes into union with the Convention.
- 2d. A Committee on Diocesan Missions.
- 3d. A Committee on Finance, to whom shall be referred the accounts of the various Funds.
- 4th. A Committee on Canons, to whom shall be referred all proposed new Canons, or amendments of the Canons, or Constitution.

**CANON IV.**

*Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In every Congregation, the Church Wardens shall, at the expense of the Parish, provide a proper book, in which the Minister, or if the Parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the names of all persons Baptized, Married, and Buried, together with a list of persons Confirmed, and of those who are Communicants of the Church, with the date of every event recorded, which shall be under the signature of the person recording. From this Register, there shall, annually, be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of Convention, a full and accurate statement of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, and of persons Confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion.

**CANON V.**

*Persons repelled the Holy Communion. Amended in 1856.*

When a person who has been repelled the Holy Communion, appeals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him, the Bishop may, and if the person demands, it shall be his duty to appoint three Presbyters, who shall make inquiries into the truth of the charges alleged, and shall make a report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop.

All Rectors, or Ministers of Parishes, in the Diocese, shall hereafter, before receiving into the Parish under their charge any person as a regular Communicant from any other Parish, require of him or her a Certificate from the Rector or Minister of the Parish of their last residence, or, if there be no Minister, from one of the Wardens, stating that said applicant is of good standing as a Communicant of the Church.

**CANON VI.**

*Diocesan Missions. Amended in 1849.*

Sec. 1. The Board of Missions for this Diocese, shall consist of the Bishop, together with the Standing Committee; of which Board the Bishop shall be, ex-officio, President.

Sec. 3. The Standing Committee may at any time resolve itself into the Board of Missions, at the request of the Bishop; and in case this request be made by letter, then the Board may act upon such business only as the Bishop may designate.

Sec. 4. No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board, unless he shall first have been nominated by the Bishop.

Sec. 5. The former Canon of 1847, on this subject, is hereby repealed by this of 1949.

#### CANON VII.

##### *Mode of Trying Clergymen.*

Sec. 1. If a Clergyman of this Church, offend against any Canon of the General Convention of the Church, or against any Canon of this Diocese, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing by any two persons, who shall be Communicants, and one of them shall be a Presbyter of this Church.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee, if they deem the charges well founded, shall present said Clergyman to the Bishop for trial.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall, thereupon, summon a jury of three Presbyters, who shall be the judges both of the law and the facts. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Presbyter of the Church in this Diocese, and shall give the accused a copy of the charges presented to the Bishop, and also sixty days' notice of the time and place of trial.

Sec. 4. If the accused shall not appear at the trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the judgment of the Court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions, for the space of six months; and if during that period, he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the Ministry.

Sec. 5. The judgment of the Court shall in all cases be made known in writing to the accused, and to the Wardens and Vestrymen of his Parish, together with the charges and specifications, and an outline of the evidence produced on the trial, if it shall be demanded by the accused.

Sec. 6. If the Bishop approve the judgment, he shall within thirty days proceed to administer the discipline prescribed by the Court.

Sec. 7. Should the Bishop disapprove the decision of the Court, he may summon a new Court, and order a new trial, and the judgment of the second Court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

Sec. 8. In case of the suspension of any Clergyman, such suspension may be either for a limited period, or until the offender give the Bishop satisfactory evidence of contrition and reformation.

Sec. 9. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, ipso facto, sever the connection between the Clergyman so suspended, and his Parish.

Sec. 10. In all cases where charges are canonically preferred against a Clergyman of this Church, the accused shall have the right to demand a trial, which demand must be made in writing, and if not granted within three months, the charges shall be discontinued.

#### CANON VIII.

##### *Ritual Uniformity in this Diocese. Adopted in 1850. Amended in 1852.*

Sec. 1. In the performance of the Ritual and ceremonies of the Church, where there is no positive interpretation of existing law either by Canon, or by solemn Declaration, or by opinion of the House of Bishops, the Clergy of this Diocese shall be bound to the rule of what is usually called "*Common Law*,"—that is to say: they shall not, for themselves and for their congregations, in their public and official ministrations, act according to private judgment, but according to the *general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States*.

Sec. 2. And in case there be in the mind of any Clergyman a doubt as to what that "*General Usage*" is, he shall not decide it for himself and for his congregation by his private opinion, but shall refer it to the *Interpreters* in this Canon appointed, who shall give to him an authoritative decision thereupon, founded upon the same principle of "*General Usage*." Provided, always, that there be, as aforesaid, no positive interpretation upon the point in question, either by Canon, or by Declaration, or by Opinion of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 3. The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, in council with the Standing Committee, are hereby established as *Interpreters* for this Diocese of the Ritual Usage of the Church. And their decisions so pronounced, and given in writing, shall be binding upon the Clergy of the Diocese in their performance of the Services of the Church.

Sec. 4. All decisions shall, for the information of the Clergy, be given in writing, by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to all Clergymen canonically connected with this Diocese, and shall also be printed along with the Journal of the proceedings of the Annual Diocesan Convention, under the head of, "*DECISIONS OF THE CHURCH IN WISCONSIN IN REFERENCE TO RITUAL USAGE, BINDING UPON HER CLERGY, ACCORDING TO CANON VIII. OF THIS DIOCESE*."

Sec. 5. This Canon shall in no wise be taken to refer to any question of doctrine, but solely and entirely to ritual interpretation as it affects practice. And it shall be considered as binding upon and referring to those Clergy only who are canonically connected with this Diocese.

Sec. 6. Transgressions of this Canon are hereby declared offences for which a minister may be tried and punished.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, upon being legally apprized, in the manner as required by Canon VII., Sec. 1., of this Diocese, of any breach of Ritual Uniformity, to notify the Bishop of such complaint. And if the complaint is for the violation of a solemn interpretation already given and made known, the Bishop shall thereupon, by letter, notify said Clergyman that complaint has been made to the Standing Committee of a breach of Ritual Uniformity upon his part. But in case the complaint is upon a point not having been



solemnly interpreted and made known, then the Bishop and Standing Committee shall meet and decide upon the "general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States" upon the point in question: which done, the Bishop shall, by letter, inform said Clergyman of the complaint, and of the Decision of the Interpreters of General Usage. And the Bishop's notice in either case, shall be considered a warning to said Clergyman to conform to the ritual practice of this Diocese as established and declared. And if a Clergyman, so warned, does not, within *thirty days* notify the Bishop, by letter, of his intention to conform, he shall be proceeded against for breach of this Canon, in the manner provided by Canon VII., of this Diocese —of the mode of trying Clergymen."

## CANON IX.

*The duty of Secretary and Treasurer of the Annual Convention. Adopted in 1862.*

SEC. 1. The Treasurer appointed in accordance with Section 2, of Article VI. of the Constitution, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give security as prescribed by said Section 2, in such sums as the Convention shall prescribe, for the faithful performance of his duties, and the due accounting for all moneys which may come to his hands as such Treasurer; and when at any time, during the recess of the Convention, it shall be deemed necessary by the Standing Committee of the Diocese to increase the amount of such security, the said Committee shall have power to increase the amount as aforesaid; and the Treasurer shall, within ten days after notice of such determination by said Committee, give such security. The Treasurer shall also procure and keep a properly bound book, in which shall be entered accounts and statements in detail of all moneys received and disbursed by him. He shall keep accounts with the several parishes, in which he shall charge them with the amounts assessed against them respectively, and shall credit them with the amount by them paid respectively.

SEC. 2. The Secretary's journals and records, and the Treasurer's book, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and of the Convention, and any Committee thereof.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall, within thirty days after the Annual Convention shall have adjourned sine die, furnish the Treasurer a certified statement of all accounts allowed by the Convention, and the Treasurer shall pay the same, (and any claims and accounts duly allowed and certified by the Standing Committee during the recess of the Convention,) but none other, out of any moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

## CANON X.

*Alteration of Canons.*

No alterations in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

## RULES OF ORDER, ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, 1847.

1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave of the chair.

4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

8. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, to lay on the table, or postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

9. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

10. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PARISHES  
OF THE  
**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN,  
ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 25, 1847.

ARTICLE I.

*Acceding to the General and Diocesan Constitution, Canons, &c.*

This Parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, expressly accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

*Use of the Church Building.*

The Church Building or Houses of Worship, belonging to this Parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved of, by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

ARTICLE III.

*Rector and Minister.*

Sec. 1. The Rector is ex-officio, President of the Vestry, and of the Congregation, and has the casting vote in case of a tie, on all questions brought before it.

Sec. 2. The Minister has the spiritual oversight of this Parish, and the Church Building shall be open to him for Public Common Prayer, Catechetical or other religious instruction, for Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals, and all other rites and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, at such times as he may deem proper.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Minister to enter in the Church Register, all Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, and Confirmations, occurring within his cure; to keep an accurate list of Communicants, and also a register of the families and individuals belonging to the Parish.

Sec. 4. The Minister of this Parish shall, at the end of every civil year, present to the wardens a full, faithful, and accurate written account of all Offerings received and disbursed by him in his official capacity as almoner of the Church, which account the Wardens shall present to the Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the "Record Book" of the Church, and the original shall be placed upon file among the Parish Documents. This annual account shall distinctly state the sources from whence the offerings came, and the persons or objects to which they were applied. It is left discretionary with the Minister to withhold names, where prudence or a regard for the feelings of individuals renders it expedient.

ARTICLE IV.

*Wardens.*

Sec. 1. It is recommended that the Wardens, as advisers to the Minister, be communicants of the Church.

Sec. 2. The Senior Warden, or in case of his inability to act, then the Junior Warden shall have the care of the "Record Book" of the Parish, and shall cause to be copied therein all Documents bearing upon the history of the Parish.

Sec. 3. The Wardens shall have a care that the Church Building be kept from all secular, or other uses not authorized by Article II, of this Constitution; and that it be kept in good repair as becometh the House of God.

Sec. 4. In case there be no Rector, or of absence or inability to act on his part, the Wardens according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry, and of the Congregation. In case both the Rector and Wardens be absent, a Vestryman shall be chosen to preside.

Sec. 5. In case there be any Clergyman of the Church, residing within this Parish, who shall conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the Rules of the Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Wardens shall, in writing give notice thereof to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop.

Sec. 6. In the absence of the Wardens, their several duties shall devolve upon the Vestrymen.

## CONSTITUTION OF PARISHES.

## ARTICLE V.

*Annual Elections.*

The Congregation of this Parish shall meet Annually on Monday of Easter week, and elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three, nor more than eight Vestrymen, who shall continue to discharge the functions of their office during one year, or until their successors are elected in accordance with the Provisions of the act of the Legislature on the subject.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Vestrymen. Amended in 1855.*

SEC. 1. It is recommended that the Vestry be chosen from the Communicants in all Parishes where the number is sufficient.

SEC. 2. The Vestrymen, together with the Wardens, shall transact all the temporal business of the Parish; shall collect and disburse all money due for Church purposes, and shall at the end of every civil year—if the Treasury be deficient—collect as far as practicable, by subscriptions or otherwise, a sum sufficient to liquidate all the current expenses of the Church.

SEC. 3. The Vestry shall, on or before Easter Monday, cause to be written and placed in the hands of the Minister, but if there be no Minister, then the Senior Warden—a full, accurate and faithful statement of the temporal condition of the Parish, as a body corporate: and at the Meeting of the Congregation on Easter Monday, the Minister or Senior Warden shall, before balloting for Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the Congregation, and after deliver it to the new Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the Record Book of the Church, and the original shall be placed on file among the Parish Documents. The said statement shall declare what money, lands, or other property have been received during their term of office, and from what source. It shall further declare what money has been expended, and for what objects: what property has been purchased, exchanged, mortgaged, sold or otherwise alienated or encumbered, and for what purpose.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

SEC. 1. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by the Vestry, who shall serve till their successors in office are chosen.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Vestry; to take minutes of its proceedings, and when approved, to enter and attest the same in the "Book of Minutes" of the Vestry; it shall be his further duty to enter in the "Record Book" of the Church, the Minister's annual account of offerings, and the Vestry's annual account of the temporal condition of the Parish, and to preserve on file all the originals.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money collected under the authority of the Vestry, the reception and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for; and in case there be no collector appointed by the Vestry, himself shall also collect the same.

SEC. 4. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order from the Vestry, signed by one of the Wardens. The Treasurer shall present to the Vestry, at least two weeks before Easter Monday, a full and accurate statement, accompanied with vouchers, of all monies received and paid by his department, since the last annual statement.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer, if he be not a member of the Vestry, shall attend its meeting when requested, and be guided by its advice in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, and be ready to answer all questions as to the state of the Treasury.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Vestry Meetings.*

SEC. 1. *Quarterly Meetings* of the Vestry shall be held on the first Monday of May, August, November, and February.

*Special Meetings* may be held at such times as the Minister or any two of the members may desire.

SEC. 2. At every meeting of the Vestry, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, and if correct, approved; if incorrect, amended and approved.

At every quarterly meeting, the minutes of the last quarterly, and of all subsequent special meetings shall be read.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Altering of Constitution.*

Alterations, amendments or additions may at any time be made to this Constitution by the Annual Diocesan Convention.

# ORGANIZATION & INCORPORATION OF PARISHES

## OF THE

# PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

## IN THE

# DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

The Committee appointed by the Diocesan Convention of 1855, "to obtain a correct interpretation of the Law providing for the Incorporation of Churches or Congregations, and to append to the Journal full instructions as to every step necessary to be taken in the *Organization and Incorporation of Parishes*," respectfully report :

### ORGANIZATION.

No Parish or Church is ever organized except with the intention, sooner or later, of obtaining the services of a Clergyman to minister at its Altar. Care should, therefore, be taken, not to interfere with the Canonical rights of any other Clergyman by organizing within the bounds of his Parish.

"Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law or otherwise," the *General Canon IX.* of 1855, provides that, 1. "If a city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or any ward, district, or other subdivision of either of the same, shall contain but one church or congregation, the minister having charge of such church or congregation shall be deemed to have the parochial cure within the same. 2. Any city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or the smallest subdivision of either of the same, in which there are two or more churches or congregations, shall be deemed the parochial cure of the ministers of such churches or congregations, and the assent of a majority of such ministers shall be necessary."

The same Canon forbids any Clergyman, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, to officiate, "either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise, in the Parish or within the parochial cure of another Clergyman, unless he has received express permission for that purpose from the Minister of the Parish or cure, or in his absence, from the church wardens and vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation, or a majority thereof.

The course, therefore, to be taken, when about to organize a parish is :

1st. Obtain the consent, in writing, of the minister, or ministers, within whose parochial bounds it is proposed to organize a new Parish.

This consent will prevent the possibility, on the part of the minister who may be called to the new parish, of his being presented for violating the requirements of the *General Canon* above referred to.

Consent having been obtained to organize, or, if the proposed Parish or Church is not within the Canonical bounds of another Parish, then :—

2d. Let those interested meet, decide upon the name or title, by which their Parish or Church shall be known, and elect "two Wardens, and at least three Vestrymen." (*Diocesan Constitution, Art. X.*)

3d. Draw up a Constitution for the Parish ; in which Constitution there must be an Article expressly acceding "to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin." (*Diocesan Constitution, Art. X.*)

4th. Give notice of your organization to the Bishop of the Diocese, asking him to take the Parish under his Episcopal charge.

The organization of the Parish is now complete and Canonical ; and the Parish or Church is in union with the *Protestant Episcopal Church* in the Diocese of Wisconsin.

One other step, although not coming within the matter of organizing a Parish, yet, as being a Canonical obligation, closely connected with it, is here subjoined. The following is an extract from *General Canon XIV* of 1855 :

SEC. 1. It is hereby required, that on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect :

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\* On page 45 of this Journal there is a *Constitution for Parishes*, put forth by the Convention, which may be adopted.

"We, the Churchwardens, (or in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Churchwardens,) do certify to the Right Rev. (naming the Bishop,) or to the Rev. (naming the President of the Standing Committee) that (naming the person,) has been duly chosen Rector (or Assistant Minister, as the case may be,) of (naming the Parish or Church or Churches.)"

"Which certificate shall be signed with the names of those who certify."

The Organization of a Parish is strictly, and solely, an Ecclesiastical procedure, constituting the Parish a component part of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and as such, only entitling it to Ecclesiastical rights and privileges; i. e. to the rights and privileges granted by General and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. The Ecclesiastical organization gives no Civil or Corporate powers to the Parish. The right to purchase and hold, or take by gift, or to lease any real estate, or to sue for and collect subscriptions &c., can only be acquired by grant from the State; which right the State does grant to all Parishes that avail themselves of her Act providing for their Incorporation.

And further:—Organization simply, although it admits a Parish into union with the Church, does not admit it into union with the Convention of the Church in the Diocese. (Diocesan Constitution, Art X.)

A Parish wishing to hold real estate, collect subscriptions &c., and to be represented in the Convention of the Church in the Diocese, must give evidence of its permanency to the Church, by an existence of twelve months; and when duly organized according to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, it may then incorporate itself, and thereby acquire all the rights and privileges enjoyed by any Parish or Church. The manner of effecting this is as follows:

### INCORPORATION.

The only law now in force providing for the Incorporation of Churches or Congregations, is Chap. 47 of the Revised Statutes of this State; the Act of the late Territory of Wisconsin, approved February 5th, 1847, having been repealed by Sec. 9 of Chap. 157 of the Revised Statutes.

Sec. 23 of Chap. 47 of the Revised Statutes provides, that, "Whenever by the Constitution, rules and usages of any particular church or religious denomination, the minister or ministers, elders and deacons, or other officers elected by any Church or Congregation, according to such Constitution, rules or usages, are thereby constituted the Trustees of such Church or Congregation; it shall be lawful for such Minister or Ministers, Elders and Deacons, or other officers, to assemble together and execute, under their hands and seals, a certificate, stating therein the name by which they and their successors in office, shall forever thereafter be called and known, which certificate shall be acknowledged or proved, and recorded as herein before directed; whereupon such persons and their successors in office, shall be a body corporate, by the name expressed in such certificate, with all the rights, powers and privileges of other religious corporations, constituted according to the provisions of this chapter."

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, being, in virtue of their office, constituted the Trustees of the Church, within the meaning of the law, they are the proper persons to assemble and execute the certificate required by the Act.

The manner of proceeding, in order that a Church or Congregation may become Incorporated under the provisions above recited, is as follows:

1st, When a Church or congregation has been duly organized, according to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as a Parish or Church in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen will assemble together, and execute under their hands and seals a certificate in the following form:

To all to whom these presents shall come.—Know ye, that we, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of (name the Church) Church of (name the town or place,) duly elected and qualified as such, according to the Constitution, rules and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, that is to say, the Rev. W. A., Rector, J. M. and C. H., Wardens, and J. H., D. F., L. S., and D. K., Vestrymen, having on this day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_, assembled in our aforesaid capacities for the purpose of becoming incorporated under and pursuant to Chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes of Wisconsin, do hereby make known and declare, that we the said Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen, and our successors in office, shall forever hereafter be called and known as "the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of (name the Church) Church of (name the town or place)" to the end and intent that we, the said Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, and our successors in office may become a body corporate, by the name and style of "the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of (name the Church) Church of (name the town and place)" with all the powers and privileges by law appertaining thereto.

Witness our hands and seals at (name the place) the day and year aforesaid.

In presence of

(two witnesses)

W. A., [Seal]

Rector.

J. M., [Seal]

C. H., [Seal]

Wardens.

J. H., [Seal]

D. F., [Seal]

L. S., [Seal]

K. W., [Seal]

D. K., [Seal]

Vestrymen.

The above certificate must then be acknowledged before some officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds. The certificate of acknowledgement may be in the following form:

STATE OF WISCONSIN, }  
County of }

Be it remembered, that on this       day of       In the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and       before me       a Justice of the Peace,  
in and for the County of       (or other officer as the case may be) personally appeared  
the Rev. W. A., Rector, J. M. and C. H., Wardens, and J. H., D. F., L. S., E. W., and D. K.,  
Vestrymen of (name the Church) Church of (name the town or place) to me known as the in-  
dividuals described in, and who executed the foregoing certificate and severally acknowledged  
the execution of said certificate by them for the use and purpose therein expressed.

A. B., Justice of the Peace.

2d. The certificate, thus duly acknowledged, must then be recorded by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County within which the Church is situated, in a book to be by him kept for that purpose, and who is entitled to receive seventy-five cents for such recording. An Act entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter forty-seven, title thirteen of the Revised Statutes, and for other purposes," approved April 2, 1855, provides that the several Clerks of the Board of Supervisors in this State, not yet supplied with suitable books for recording the certificates aforesaid, shall immediately procure such book, at the expense of the County.

The certificate thus recorded, the act of Incorporation is complete, and the Church, by the name expressed in the certificate, is a body corporate, invested with all the rights, powers and privileges of religious corporations constituted according to the provisions of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes,—which vests in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, power, in their corporate capacity, "to take into their possession and custody all the temporalities of the Church, whether the same shall consist of real or personal estate, and whether the same may have been given, granted or devised directly or indirectly to such Church, or to any other person or persons for its use."

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, may also, "in their corporate name, sue and be sued in all courts and places, and they may recover and hold all the debts, demands, rights and privileges, all churches, buildings, burying places, and all the estate and appurtenances belonging to such church, in whatever manner the same may have been acquired, or in whose hands soever the same may be held, as fully and amply as if the right and title thereto had been originally vested in the said Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen; and they may hold other real and personal estate, and demise, lease and improve the same; but the whole of such estate, real and personal, shall not exceed the yearly value or income of three thousand dollars." They may also "alter or repair the Church, and, under the direction of the congregation, erect Churches and dwelling-houses for their Ministers, and other buildings for the use of the Church or congregation.

They have also "authority to make rules and orders for managing the temporal affairs of such Church or congregation, and to dispose of all moneys belonging thereto, and to order and regulate the renting of pews or slips in their Churches, and the perquisites for the burying of the ground in the Cemetery or Church-yard, and in the Churches, for burying the dead."

DAVID KEENE,  
J. P. T. INGRAHAM,  
W. W. ARNETT.

MILWAUKEE, July 20, 1855.

## AN ACT

### TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CARE OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.

*Be it enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin*

Sec. 1. That Paraclete Potter, John Catlin, J. A. Helfenstein, A. H. Smith, and John Phelps, of Wisconsin, and their successors duly elected and appointed in the manner herein after provided, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be competent to contract and be contracted with to sue and be sued, to answer and be answered unto, in all courts of law and equity, and be capable of taking and holding by gift, grant and devise, and of purchasing, holding and conveying real estate and personal property; *Provided*, the yearly income of such property both real and personal, shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. The object of said corporation shall be the management and care of any funds which are now provided, or which may be hereafter contributed or acquired for the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, the income whereof to be appropriated by the said Trustees according to the directions to be from time to time given by the Convention of said Church in Wisconsin.

Sec. 3. The said Trustees shall be five in number, to be hereafter elected at each annual meeting of the Convention of said Church, and hold their offices for the period of one year from and after such elections, and until other Trustees shall have been elected and entered upon their duties.

Sec. 4. The said Trustees shall make a report at each annual convention, exhibiting the amount and condition of the said funds and property under their charge.

Sec. 5. The said Trustees shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, to hold his appointment during their pleasure, and to be subject at all times to their control and direction, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of said Trustees, to receive and pay out all money, and take charge of and manage all the property, real and personal, which may be intrusted to the care of said Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of the Church aforesaid, and to keep their books, accounts, and records; and who shall give such security for the faithful performance of the duties assigned to him, as may from time to time be deemed sufficient by said Board of Trustees.

Sec. 6. The said Trustees hereby incorporated shall be bound to conform to any instructions that may be given to them by the said Convention, touching the management of said funds and property, and the disposition of the income thereof: *Provided*, such instructions shall be in writing, and shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

APPROVED, March 1st, 1848.

### FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Bishop of the Diocese requests of the Clergy, to conform to the following model, in making out their Annual Reports; in order that a tabular view of the state of the Church may be the more readily prepared therefrom.

NAME OF PARISH,.....

NAME OF MINISTER,.....

DATE,.....

Number of Families connected with the Parish,.....; Individuals,.....; Communicants, died...., removed...., added...., present number.....; Baptisms, infants...., adults...., total.....; Confirmed,.....; Marriages,.....; Burials, infants...., adults...., total.....; Sunday School Teachers,.....; Scholars,.....; Library,..... vols.; Parish Library,..... vols.

Offerings of the Parish for Episcopal Fund,.....; Diocesan Missions,.....; Convention Fund,.....; Parish Poor,.....; Parochial Purposes,.....

## MEMORANDA.

### DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

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|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
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| Wilson Davis.          | Dr. J. B. Selby.         |

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
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|--------------------|------------------------|
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| Wis A. Kemper.     | Joseph S. Colt, Esq.   |

#### *Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.*

Rev. Roswell Park, President of the Board,  
Henry T. Fuller, Esq., of Racine, Secretary,  
Eliphalet Cram, Esq., of Racine, Treasurer,  
M. B. Mead, Esq., | Isaac Taylor, Esq.

#### *Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.*

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#### *Treasurer of the Board of Diocesan Missions.*

H. H. Camp, Esq., of Milwaukee.

#### *Treasurer of the Convention Fund.*

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#### *Conservator of Church Documents.*

Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D., of Milwaukee.

#### *Secretary of the Convention.*

Rev. Roswell Park, D. D., of Racine.



## NOTICE.

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, will be held, (D. V.,) in Grace Church, Madison, on the Second Wednesday in June, 1857. The Rev. E. A. Goodenough is appointed by the Bishop to preach the Missionary Sermon, the preceding evening; and the Rev. Thomas Greene to be his Substitute. The Rev. C. C. Edmunds is appointed to preach at the opening of the Convention; and the Rev. L. B. Humphrey to be his Substitute. The present Secretary would remind his Brethren, the Parochial Clergy, that an Annual Collection should be taken up in each Parish for the Convention Fund, and paid to the Treasurer of the same, besides the Collections required for the Episcopal Fund, for the Bishop, and for Diocesan Missions.— And in distributing the Journal of the Convention, it is deemed just that those Parishes which contribute most to the Convention Fund, should receive the largest number of copies.

### FORM OF TRANSFER OF COMMUNICANTS FROM ONE PARISH TO ANOTHER.

At the recent meeting of the Diocesan Convention, it was

*Resolved*, In pursuance of Canon XIII., passed in the General Convention of the Church in 1853, entitled, "*On Removal of Communicants from one Parish to another*," that a Certificate to substance like the following, is hereby recommended to be given by all Rectors or Ministers of Parishes in this Diocese, to Communicants removing into other Parishes; and that this Certificate be hereafter published on the cover of our Convention Journal:

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that, . . . . . is a Member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a Communicant of good standing in the same; and as such is affectionately commended to the Christian love and care of the Clergyman who may henceforth be his (or her) Pastor, in the Church of God.

Given under my hand and seal, this . . . . . day of . . . . ., in the year of our Lord, . . . . .

Signed, . . . . .

*Rector of* . . . . .

Or, Minister in charge of: . . . . .

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### NASHOTAH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

REV. AZEL D. COLE, D. D., President and Professor of Pastoral Theology. REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology. REV. LEWIS A. KEMPER, B. D., Davis Professor of Hebrew, Exegesis, and Greek. REV. JAMES DE KOVES, A. M., Tutor in Ecclesiastical History. REV. J. S. B. HODGES, A. M., Tutor in Biblical History, Elocution and Music. The next Annual Term opens on Tuesday, October 6, 1857.

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### OCONOMOWOC SEMINARY FOR YOUNG LADIES.

REV. L. WILSON DAVIS, Rector. MRS. C. L. MASON and Daughters, Principal and Associate Teachers. This Institution, founded under the auspices of the Bishop and Convention of the Diocese, for the education of Young Ladies in accordance with the Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, will commence its next annual session on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, 1857.

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# List of Parishes

IN THE

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ST. OLOF'S CHURCH, Ashippun.  
 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Beloit.  
 TRINITY CHURCH, Berlin.  
 CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, Bloomfield.  
 GRACE CHURCH, Dartford.  
 CHURCH OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Delafield.  
 CHRIST CHURCH, Delavan.  
 HOBART CHURCH, Duck Creek.  
 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Elkhorn.  
 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Fond du Lac.  
 CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, Geneva.  
 CHRIST CHURCH, Green Bay.  
 CHRIST CHURCH, Green Lake.  
 TRINITY CHURCH, Janesville.  
 ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Kenosha.  
 ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, Lisbon.  
 GRACE CHURCH, Madison.  
 ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Manitowoc.  
 TRINITY CHURCH, Marquette.  
 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Milwaukee.  
 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Milwaukee.  
 ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Milwaukee.  
 TRINITY CHURCH, Mineral Point.  
 St. SYLVANUS' CHURCH, Nashotah.  
 CHRIST CHURCH, New California.  
 ZION CHURCH, Oconomowoc.  
 TRINITY CHURCH, Oshkosh.  
 EMMANUEL CHURCH, Ozaukee.  
 ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Portage.  
 ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Racine.  
 GRACE CHURCH, Sheboygan.  
 CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSION, Stevens' Point.  
 CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, Superior City.  
 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Watertown.  
 ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, Waukesha.  
 ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Whitewater.

Total number of Organized Parishes, entitled to a representation in Convention, 86.

# A List of the Clergy

OF THE

## PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN, 1857.

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- THE RIGHT REV. JACKSON KEMPER, D. D.,** Bishop, Delafield, Waukesha County.
- Rev. William Adams, D. D.,** Professor of Systematic Theology at Nashotah. *Delafield.*
- Rev. Joseph Adderly,** Rector of Christ Church, Delavan, Walworth Co.
- Rev. George R. Bartlett,** officiating at Marquette.
- Rev. John O. Barton,** Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Superior.
- Rev. L. D. Brainard,** Missionary in Dodge Co. *Beaver Dam.*
- Rev. James B. Britton,** Rector of Grace Church, Madison.
- Rev. Samuel G. Callahan,** Oshkosh.
- Rev. Alexander Capron,** Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha.
- Rev. William D. Christian,** Deacon. *Delafield.*
- Rev. James W. Coe,** Rector of Trinity Church, Janesville.
- Rev. Azel D. Cole, D. D.,** President of Nashotah and Rector of St. Sylvanus' Parish, Delafield.
- Rev. Thomas Corlett,** Missionary at Baraboo.
- Rev. L. Wilson Davis,** Rector of Zion Church, Oconomowoc.
- Rev. James De Koven,** Tutor of Ecclesiastical History at Nashotah, and Rector of St. John's, Delafield.
- Rev. Fayette Durlin,** Missionary at La Crosse.
- Rev. George B. Eastman,** Rector of St. Paul's, Fond du Lac.
- Rev. C. C. Edmonds,** Missionary at Appleton and Oconto. *Green Bay.*
- Rev. John H. Egar,** Missionary at Prairie du Chien.
- Rev. Edward A. Goodnough,** Missionary to the Oneida Indians. *Green Bay.*
- Rev. Thomas Green,** Rector of the Church of the Intercession, Stevens' Point.

- Rev. William Green, Deacon, officiating at Christ Church, Green Bay.  
 Rev. Luther Gregory, Deacon, Missionary at Columbus.  
 Rev. Sebastian Hodges, Tutor of Biblical Literature, Elocution and Music,  
 at Nashotah, and assistant Minister at St. John's. *Delafield.*  
 Rev. Leonard R. Humphrey, Rector of St. Luke's, Whitewater.  
 Rev. Melancthon Hoyt, Rector of St. James', Manitowoc.  
 Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Rector of St. James', Milwaukee.  
 Rev. David Keene, Rector of St. John's, Milwaukee.  
 Rev. Lewis A. Kemper, Tutor of Exegesis and Greek at Nashotah, and  
 Missionary at Ashippun. *Delafield.*  
 Rev. John McNamara, Missionary at Geneva.  
 Rev. Stephen C. Millett, Beloit.  
 Rev. Joseph H. Nichols, Professor in Racine College.  
 Rev. Roswell Park, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's, Racine, and President of  
 Racine College.  
 Rev. J. B. M. Pedelupe, City Missionary among the Germans in Milwaukee.  
 Rev. Josiah Phelps, Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point.  
 Rev. Henry P. Powers, Ypsilanti, Michigan.  
 Rev. J. B. Pradt, Rector of Grace Church, Sheboygan.  
 Rev. Thomas J. Ruger, Janesville.  
 Rev. L. W. Russ, Rector of St. Paul's, Watertown.  
 Rev. Henry C. Shaw, Rector of St. Alban's, Lisbon. *Susser.*  
 Rev. J. E. C. Smedes, Rector of St. Paul's, Beloit.  
 Rev. Charles B. Stout, Waukesha.  
 Rev. W. H. Studley, Deacon, Rochester, Illinois.  
 Rev. David W. Tolford, Missionary at Oshkosh.  
 Rev. Henry Martyn Thompson, City Missionary, Milwaukee.  
 Rev. Hugh M. Thompson, Rector of St. John's, Portage.  
 Rev. Ebenezer Williams, officiating in Grant Co. *Montford.*
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- Rev. James C. Richmond, (of Massachusetts,) officiating at St. Paul's,  
 Milwaukee.  
 Rev. Samuel B. Seaman, (of Pennsylvania,) Deacon, Professor of Latin  
 and Greek at Racine College.

## Journal of Proceedings.

GRACE CHURCH, Madison, June 10, 1857.

As being the time and place appointed for the Meeting of the Eleventh Annual Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin, and the Clergy and Laity being duly assembled, Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Pratt, of Sheboygan, assisted by the Rev. John E. C. Smedes, of Beloit; after which the Rev. John H. Egar, B. D., of Prairie du Chien, was ordained to the Holy Order of Priests, by the Rev. Bishop Kemper, the Ordination Sermon being preached by the Rev. Alexander Capron, of Kenosha, from text, 1 Peter iv. 10: "As good stewards of the manifold grace of God." The Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. Bishop Upfold, of Indiana.

The Convention was then called to order by the Bishop, the Roll of Clergy furnished by him, having been called by the Secretary of the last Convention, the following answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper; Rev. Messrs. Adderly, Britton, Capron, Davis, De Koven, Durlin, Egar, Greene, Hodges, Keene, Kemper, Lamara, Rev. Dr. Park, Rev. Messrs. Phelps, Pratt, Russ, Shaw, S. Stout, Henry, Martyn, Thompson.

The Bishop then appointed the Rev. Messrs. Davis and Lamara a committee to receive the certificates of appointment of the Lay Delegates, and the roll having been presented and called, the following answered to their names:

L. Devereux, C. W. Sibley, J. B. Doe, D. H. Oman, J. H. Vermilye, W. Weaver, William Weaver, Senior, J. H. Lathrop, L.L.D., W. A. , J. G. Knapp, J. N. De Forest, G. W. Perrine, M. D., J. H. Hoes,



**John B. Whitelaw, Hon. Levi Sterling, Thomas Smith, S. Smith Etheridge, Henry B. Gallup, R. S. Little, W. H. Clark, Messrs H. Woodworth.**

**On motion of the Rev. Mr. Keene, the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham was elected Secretary of this Convention, and the Rev. John H. Eggar, Assistant.**

**On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stout, the Rev. David Keene was appointed Treasurer *pro tem* of the Convention.**

**The Canonical Committees were appointed by the Bishop, and announced as follows :**

*On the Admission of Parishes*—Rev. Mr. Davis, Rev. Mr. Coe, Judge Knapp.

*On Diocesan Missions*—Rev. Mr. Russ, Rev. Mr. Adderly, Chancellor Lathrop.

*On Finances*—Messrs. De Forest, Devereux, Gallup.

*On Canons*—Rev. Mr. Keene, Rev. Mr. Pradt, J. B. Doe, Esq.

**The Bishop introduced to the Convention the Right Rev. Bishop Upfold, of Indiana. On motion, the Bishop of Indiana was invited to a seat in the chancel during the session of Convention.**

**On motion, clergy from other dioceses, who were present, were invited to take seats in the Convention. This invitation was accepted by the Rev. Mr. Fiske, of the Diocese of Western New York, and the Rev. Messrs. Henshaw and Mills, of the Diocese of Rhode Island.**

**On motion, the Convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, p. m.**

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

**Convention met pursuant to adjournment.**

**The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.**

**The roll of clergy was called, and, in addition to those present this morning, the Rev. Messrs. Ingraham and Eastman answered to their names.**

**Messrs. Robert H. Baker and E. H. Jones took their seats as Lay Delegates.**

**The Rev. James C. Richmond, Rector elect of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, took a seat in the Convention.**

The Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese read his Annual Address, which was listened to with great interest.

The Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was then read by the Rev. Mr. Ingraham, its Secretary. (Appendix A.)

The Rev. Mr. Eastman offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a committee of three Laymen be appointed to report to this Convention whether some means could not be adopted to secure investments in Government Lands for the endowment of the Episcopate.

The Bishop appointed Messrs. Baker, Devereux, and Oman, as such committee.

The Rev. Mr. Ingraham declined the office of Secretary to this Convention. The Rev. Mr. Eastman was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Park, for the able and faithful manner in which, during the past three years, he has discharged the duties of Secretary of this Convention.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded, that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the Oconomowoc Seminary, be referred to a committee of three. Carried.

The Rev. Messrs. Davis and Eastman, and Mr. Vermilye, were appointed such committee.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Ingraham :

*Resolved*, That the Lay Delegates to the Convention of the Diocese shall be elected by each Vestry. In case of a failure to elect, or of vacancies, the Rector shall appoint the Delegates.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Canons. On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this.

The Rev. Mr. Britton offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Canon V. of this Diocese be amended so that the word

"may" be inserted instead of the word "shall" in the second section of said Canon. Also that the following be added to said Canon: "Any person absenting himself or herself from the Communion of the Church for a year, may be dropped from the list of communicants."

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Canons.

It was moved and carried, that a Committee on Unfinished Business be appointed to report on such matters as were not finally disposed of at the last Convention. The chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Phelps, Shaw and Hodges.

The Rev. Mr. Keene moved that the amendment to the Constitution, adopted by a majority of both orders, at the last Convention, subject to the approval of this, to wit :

*Resolved*, That Article Second of the Constitution of this Diocese be so altered as to read as follows: "There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden the first Saturday in June."

be finally approved by this Convention. The motion was lost.

The following resolution was offered :

*Resolved*, That Article Second of the Constitution of this Diocese be amended so as to read: "There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden the first Saturday after Trinity Sunday."

It was moved to amend by inserting "Friday" in place of "Saturday." The amendment was adopted.

The vote on the amended resolution was taken by orders, as required, and a majority of both orders being in favor of this amendment to the Constitution, it was recommended to the next Convention for final approval and adoption.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they find on page 15 of the Journal of the last Convention, the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That in Article VIII., Sec. 2, of the Constitution, for the words 'having parochial charges,' be substituted the words 'having seats in this Convention.'" And also on the 17th page, the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That all ministers in canonical charge of a parish in this Diocese, be hereby invested with all the powers and privileges of Rectors." The first resolution the committee recommend to this Convention for adoption, and that the second be referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, this Report was accepted. The first resolution

was finally adopted by a majority of both orders ; the second. referred as the committee recommended.

In the Evening, after the Convention had adjourned, in obedience to a resolution of the last Convention, a missionary meeting was held, at which the Report of the Standing Committee, acting as the Missionary Board of the Diocese, was read, and speeches were made by several of the clergy and laity. At this meeting, the fact was distinctly brought forward, that those parishes which had contributed most liberally to Diocesan Missions and kindred objects outside of their own limits, had been most prospered within themselves ; while those who, from a sense of weakness, or feeling of the necessity of claims at home, had turned a deaf ear to this and similar calls, were less prosperous within their own bounds than they had hoped ; thus demonstrating that the cause of the Church any where, is the cause of the Church every where. A collection was taken up at the close amounting to \$35.00 for Diocesan Missions.

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## SECOND DAY.

JUNE 11, 1857 — 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Adderly, and the Ante-Communion service by the Right Rev. the Bishop.

The roll of clergy and of lay deputies was called ; the attendance being the same as on the day previous.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on the Admission of Parishes reported the Church of the Redeemer, Superior City, as entitled to admission. The Report was accepted, and the Parish admitted to union. Richard Relf, delegate from said Church, was present at this Convention.

The Reports of the Treasurers of the Convention Fund and

the wardens, or the clerk of the vestry, shall be laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

The Rev. Dr. Park moved that the amendment be inserted in the Constitution of Parishes, as Sec. 2 of Art. V.

It was moved and seconded that the whole subject be laid on the table. Carried.

The Committee on so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Oconomowoc Seminary, reported as follows :

The Committee, on so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Oconomowoc Seminary, beg leave to report the following preamble and resolutions :

*Whereas*, This Convention have heard with pleasure from the Bishop, and from other sources, of the establishment, on the principles of the Church, of a school for young ladies, at Oconomowoc, which school has now passed its first year in successful operation, and

*Whereas*, This Convention recognizes the duty of churchmen to support and encourage education conducted upon Church principles, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the *Oconomowoc Seminary* is earnestly recommended by this Convention to the patronage of the members and friends of the Church in this Diocese, as worthy of their bounty, and as affording desirable facilities for giving their daughters a thorough christian education.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hodges, the report was accepted, and the preamble and resolution adopted unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Ingraham offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That we, the members of this Convention, do hereby pledge ourselves, each and all, to use our personal influence to advance the interests of the Church Seminary at Oconomowoc, by endeavoring to obtain pupils, and to increase its advantages of library, apparatus, &c. ; and also by reading the Bishop's recommendation of the school, and the Principal's circular, to bring the subject twice a year before our respective parishes.

The committee to whom was re-committed the report of the Committee on the Investment of the Episcopal Fund, reported back the same, with the resolutions required by the Convention, as follows :

The Committee appointed under the resolution of the Convention, in relation to an investment in Government land, for the endowment of the Episcopate, respectfully report, that they have not had time to give the subject all the consideration its importance demands. We think, however,

nothing should be done speedily to secure a permanent support for the Bishop.

Is the Diocese deprived of the untiring labors of its respected head, the result would be that little or no provision is made for the salary of his successor. It is not to be supposed that missionary aid can be expected larger than needed by the present Bishop; and we seriously doubt whether a Diocese of the extent, wealth, and future prospects of Wisconsin ought much longer to consent to the present arrangements. Under the circumstances, we think some efficient measures ought at once to be taken for securing a permanent fund, the interest from which would secure the same.

We therefore respectfully state that, in our opinion, the funds now on hand and to be collected could be better invested for the next five years, on a loan (as now) at 12 per cent. Our views are, that with \$2,000, now believed to be in hand at present, there could be purchased in our 1,600 acres of Government land. This land can now be selected in the best locations, and in five years, if not sooner, not an acre but would be worth at least \$5.00, and in some locations, in the vicinity of villages and great powers, would bring from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per acre; but taking the average at \$5.00 per acre, the whole would bring the aggregate sum of \$8,000. To allow the sum now on hand, say \$2,000, to remain on bond or mortgage, at 12 per cent., at simple interest, there would be on hand the same period of time, \$3,200, and at compound interest, provided no loss was lost in keeping the sum invested and no expenses incurred, \$4,860. Thus, you will perceive, there will be a balance in favor of the investment of \$4,475.64. From this sum an allowance ought to be made for taxes and other expenses in the management of the land; but we are of opinion that a portion of the lands would sell for enough over and above the estimate of \$5.00 per acre, to pay all expenses.

There is a beautiful section of country about being brought into market in the Eau Clair land district, from which good selections could be made.

On the expiration of five years, should an income be required, the lands could be sold to actual settlers upon favorable terms, say  $\frac{1}{2}$  cash down, and the balance divided into ten annual payments, drawing 12 per cent. interest annually. This would at once bring in a respectable income, and the security would be undoubted.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," be authorized and instructed to invest the principal Fund of this Diocese in any real estate, in such manner as the trustees shall seem for the best interests of the Church and said trustees to sell the same, and re-invest the proceeds in other real estate at any time.

*Resolved*, That it is recommended that the contributions of the several

parishes in union with this Diocese, taken up on the feast of Whitsunday, be by said parishes devoted to the increase of the Episcopal Fund, and that the several clergymen of the Diocese call the especial attention of the members of their congregations to this fund before the time of taking up said contributions.

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| (Signed) | ROBERT A. BAKER, | } Committee. |
|          | THOS. H. OMAN,   |              |
|          | J. G. KNAPP,     |              |
|          | H. L. DEVEREUX,  |              |

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Diocesan Missions presented their report, as follows :

The Canonical Committee on Diocesan Missions beg leave to report that the sum of \$2,801 47 has been raised in the Diocese on subscription, for the cause of Missions the past year, through the zealous efforts of the agent, Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham; of which sum \$2,000 has been paid in, and the further sum of \$502 34 has been raised and paid in from other sources. They find that \$2,500 have been already appropriated, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of \$1,421 00.

The Committee desire to express their gratification at such an unexpected and cheering result attending the earnest efforts of the Board. It is evident that a new impulse has been given to the cause, and that an interest on the subject has been excited throughout the Diocese of the most promising character.

The Committee deem this method of raising funds for missionary purposes worthy of further trial, and recommend to the Board of Missions the adoption of the same plan for the ensuing year.

The Committee recommend that Sec. 4 of Canon of the Diocesan Board of Missions be so amended as to read, "At the July meeting of the Board the sum to be raised the ensuing year shall be determined, and an agent appointed to visit the churches for that purpose." Sec. 5 being inconsistent with the provisions of the Canon so amended, is hereby repealed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. W. RUSSELL,  
JOSEPH ADDERLY.

The amendment, not being sanctioned by a majority of both orders, was lost.

The Rev. Mr. Coe offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin be held in Janesville.

The Rev. Mr. Capron moved to amend by substituting "Kenosha" in place of "Janesville." Lost.

The Rev. Mr. Eastman moved to amend by substituting "Fond du Lac" in place of "Janesville." Lost.

The Rev. Mr. Stout moved to amend by substituting "Waukesha" in place of "Janesville." Lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

H. H. Camp, Esq., of Milwaukee, was nominated for Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund for the ensuing year, and unanimously elected.

C. A. Place, Esq., was nominated as Treasurer of the Convention Fund, and unanimously elected. The same gentleman was also nominated and elected Treasurer of the Fund for the Bishop's Salary.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in the Chair.

Calling the roll and reading of the minutes were dispensed with.

The Finance Committee presented the following report :

The Committee on Finance respectfully present their report, and say that they have examined the Treasurer's Reports of the following funds, viz: The Episcopal Fund, [Appendix B.] Fund for Diocesan Missions, [Appendix C.] Convention Fund, [Appendix D.] and fund to defray the Bishop's expenses, [Appendix E.]; and in the limited time we have had to examine them, they appear to be correct; and herewith we respectfully report them back, with the remark that we were furnished with no vouchers for amounts paid out, neither with any statements as to what amounts were subscribed for missions by different churches, and consequently our report is not as full as we could wish. In future, we recommend that the Treasurers of the different funds accompany their reports with vouchers, and present them to the Convention immediately on the appointment of the Finance Committee, to enable the latter to make a more satisfactory report.

H. L. DEVEREUX,  
J. N. DE FOREST,  
H. B. GALLUP.

The report was accepted.



The Parochial Reports from the different Parishes were presented and read during the intervals of other business.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Mc Namara :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Convention be and he is hereby instructed to address the Commissioner of Indian affairs at Washington City, respectfully suggesting to him that the Missionary of the Episcopal Church to the Oneidas, at Duck Creek, complains of the deleterious influence of the ardent spirits which are furnished by unprincipled traders among the people of the above named tribe.

Which was adopted.

It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to report to the Convention the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which we are entitled. Carried. The Chair appointed the Rev. Messrs. Keene and Coa.

The Rev. Dr. Park moved that a committee be appointed to nominate "Trustees of the funds and property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin." Carried. The Chair appointed Rev. Mr. De Kover and Judge Knapp.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Dr. Park :

*Resolved*, That the following be added as a second Section to Article V of the Constitution of the Parishes of this Diocese: Sec. 2. "The Lay Deputies of this Parish to the Diocesan Convention shall be elected by the Vestry, at their first regular meeting after the annual Parish election, or at a special meeting called for the purpose. If there be no election after due notice, or if the deputies elected cannot attend, the rector and wardens shall have authority to fill the vacancy."

The Rev. Mr. McNamara moved to strike out all after the word "added," and insert,

"As Sec. 4 of Article III, of the Constitution of the Diocese: Sec. 4. Should the delegates chosen as above, signify their inability to attend the Convention, the minister may nominate to them for appointment a substitute or substitutes."

The Rev. Mr. Kemper offered the following as a substitute :

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to report to the next Annual Convention, on the best means of electing or appointing delegates, so as to secure a more general lay representation.

The substitute was adopted. The Chair appointed the Rev.

r. Park, the Rev. Mr. Kemper, and Mr. J. B. Doe as such committee.

The committee appointed to report the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to which this Diocese is entitled, reported that it is entitled to two.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees of the funds and property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, reported the following as their nomination: The Rev. David Keene, Messrs. Lyndsay Ward, C. A. Place, Cyrus Swley and David Ferguson. The report was accepted, and these gentlemen were unanimously elected Trustees of the funds and property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, for the ensuing year.

It was moved that the Rector of St. John's Church, Milwaukee, be Conservator of Church Documents, for the ensuing year. Carried.

On motion, 1000 copies of the Journal were ordered to be printed for the use of the Convention.

It was moved and seconded, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector and members of Grace Church, Madison, for their hospitality to the members of this Convention. Carried unanimously.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Convention, acting as a Diocesan Missionary Society, be hereby requested to hold a public Missionary Meeting the first evening of its session, at which, statements and addresses in regard to Diocesan Missions shall be made by the Bishop, and by such of the Clergy as he, or in his absence, the Standing Committee may designate.

It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to nominate members of the next General Convention, which was adopted. The Chair appointed the Rev. Mr. De Koven and Mr. Vermilye.

On motion, it was

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of Convention write to parishes or clergymen who have not contributed their quota to the expenses of Convention, and especially towards printing the Journal, requesting them to meet their assessments.

The Rev. J. McNamara offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That Missionaries within this Diocese may become Rectors of their parishes, by a compliance, on the part of their vestries, with the provisions of Canon VII. of the General Convention of 1856.

On motion, the Convention went into an election, by ballot, for delegates to the General Convention. The Chair appointed Rev. Mr. Adderly and Mr. Smith tellers for the clerical vote, and the Rev. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Etheridge tellers for the lay vote.

The ballot being taken, the following clergy and laity were declared duly elected :

*Clerical Deputies*.—Rev. A. D. Cole, D. D., Rev. David Keene, B. D., Rev. Josiah Phelps, Rev. William Adams, D. D.

*Lay Deputies*.—J. B. Doe, S. J. Sherwood, R. D. Pulford, Dr. Benjamin McVickar.

*Supplementary Clerical Deputies*.—Rev. L. Wilson Davis, Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Rev. George B. Eastman, Rev. L. A. Kemper.

*Supplementary Lay Deputies*.—T. T. Kissam, H. B. Gallup, Cyrus Hawley, D. Jones.

The Rev. Mr. Egar offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Special Committee to whom is referred the matter of the attendance of Lay Delegates, be also required to report to the next Convention a set of instructions to parishes, how to apply for union with this Convention, to be printed on the Journal, after the Instructions for Organization and Incorporation of Parishes.

The resolution was adopted.

The *Gloria in Excelsis* was then sung, after which the Rt. Rev. the Bishop offered up prayers and pronounced the blessing ; and the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

## Bishop's Address.

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BRETHREN,

through the mercy of God, we have met once more upon the concerns of our young and vigorous Diocese. Much has been done to the praise and glory of the Redeemer and the salvation of immortal souls. But compared with the work before us, we must be conscious that very little thus far has been accomplished. I am yet full of hope, and indeed my faith is stronger than ever, for I believe the Lord is with us, and will bless our strenuous efforts in carrying the consolations of the Gospel to all who need it and all who need them. I am surrounded by a band of devoted and diligent laborers, who have willingly denied themselves for the privilege of laying the foundation of Christ's Holy Church deep and broad in this new and flourishing State; and I am convinced that the laity are realizing more and more their own vast responsibility, and will henceforth be ready by their talents, their contributions and their time, to assist in making known the innumerable riches of Christ to their fellow beings. Let us cherish, then, with holy fervour, the missionary spirit which the Source of every good and perfect gift has implanted in our hearts, and let us resolve before we separate that the saving health of the Lord shall be speedily made known to our fellow citizens.

In the places mentioned in my last Annual Address have, I am happy to say, been supplied, but one; and to Hudson a missionary shall be sent soon as he can be obtained. At an early day after our adjournment, the Standing Committee, as a Diocesan Board, entered heartily into the cause, and the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham visited, as its agent, most of the parishes in the Diocese, and excited an interest that was truly gratifying and which, I trust will never flag. How delightful has been the result! There is now a missionary at La Crosse, another at Baraboo, another at Sheboygan, another at Delavan, and another who devotes himself to Waupacca, Weyauwega and New London. And as the winter has been unusually long and severe, and provisions scarce and high, the Board has considered it their duty and privilege to aid some of the brethren

who are laboring at small places, and who, with their families, were on the verge of suffering. New places are opening almost every month, and some of those stations which have existed for a few years are now growing rapidly. Another missionary is wanted on the shore of Lake Superior, one, at least, on the upper branches of the Wisconsin, one at Berlin, another at Ripon and its neighborhood, and two or more on the banks of the St. Croix. We have just appointed one to visit Oconto and other thriving towns on the great bay that is called Green Bay.

I have been exceedingly gratified by the establishment in Milwaukee, by the members of our communion, of a City Mission. Already two clergymen are in that field, laboring, one among foreigners, and the other among those who speak our own language, with encouraging prospects of success.

The Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D., has resigned the rectorship he held in Milwaukee. At his request I transferred him to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. After a long vacancy, St. Paul's Church is now supplied by the Rev. James C. Richmond, whose eloquence is very attractive, and who, by the amiableness of his conduct and the orthodoxy of his sentiments, and the boldness with which he delivers them, has won the hearts of all classes.

The Rev. Mr. Bartlett remains at the little village of Marquette, preferring, it would seem, even to work with its own hands, than abandon a station which, in all probability, could not be supplied for years to come. Surely the band of faithful worshippers at Marquette are greatly indebted to him.

The Rev. Mr. Brainard continues to officiate in Dodge County, and now limits his services to Beaver Dam and Fox Lake with encouraging prospects.

Here at Madison the foundation of a noble structure has been laid, and, when finished, will doubtless be filled with a large body of worshippers, under the zealous ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Britton. The Church will be just such a building as a city so beautiful and attractive should possess.

Of the faithful, anxious and devoted ministry of the Rev. Mr. Coe, at Janesville, I cannot speak too highly.

The Rev. Dr. Cole and his fellow-laborers at Nashotah and the parishes and missionary stations adjacent, are doing their duty in the most thorough and satisfactory manner. The Institution is crowded with students. A very generous offer has been made in reference to the establishment of a Training School, which will be a great comfort and of inestimable benefit; for then Bishop White Hall need only be occupied by theological students, while youth from early years, and under the holiest influences, can be preparing at St. John's Hall for admission into it. The offer, as might be expected, is limited; but when its noble terms are made known, I trust the whole Church will take so deep an interest in it, that we shall be en-

abled without delay to enjoy all the benefits of the proposed munificent endowment.

The parish at Oconomowoc is evidently gaining strength. Towards the Female School at this place, I am particularly anxious to direct the attention of every member of this Convention. It is in full operation, enjoying every advantage that the most anxious parent could desire. But it is not properly sustained. More pupils are wanted. Is this effort too to fail, for affording to young women, and especially the daughters of the Church, the inestimable privileges of a complete education on true Gospel principles? I trust not. St. Ann's Hall enjoys, not only the entire time of Mrs. Mason and her able assistants, but the happy influence and attractive teaching of the Rev. Mr. Davis.

St. Paul's Church, at Fond du Lac, under the ministrations of the Rev. George B. Eastman, now ranks among our ablest parishes. Would that every congregation in the Diocese would soon erect, as has been done here, a comfortable parsonage.

The Rev. Mr. Edmunds has resigned the parish at Green Bay, and become the itinerant of an extensive field, including Appleton, De Pere, Oconto, &c.

The Rev. Mr. Egar, who was admitted this morning to the sacred order of the Priesthood, is doing well at Prairie du Chien. H. Baldwin, Esq., has, in a most liberal manner, erected a comfortable building for worship, and which he is prepared to make over to the parish on accommodating terms.

The Rev. Mr. Goodnough continues his faithful labors among the Oneidas amidst many trials and privations. He is most anxious, being solicitous for the temporal as well as the spiritual welfare of this remnant of a once mighty nation, that we as a body endeavor to induce the General Government, or the officers thereof, to keep these and other civilized Indians from the debasing and deadly influence of unprincipled Whiskey dealers. Can we do any thing in so important a matter?

The Rev. Thomas Greene brings favorable reports from his parish at Stevens' Point, which is a very thriving place; and he is most anxious to carry back at least one missionary for the villages which are springing up North of him in the Pinery.

The deacon, the Rev. L. Gregory, has lately thrown himself into Columbus, where there is evidently a fine field of usefulness.

The Rev. Messrs. Humphrey, Ingraham, Phelps, Russ, Shaw and Smedes, are working faithfully and effectually, and appear, in all respects, to realize their ministerial responsibilities.

The Church at Manitowoc is steadily growing, like the flourishing borough in which it is situate, under its able and eloquent rector, the Rev. Mr. Hoyt.

The Rev. Mr. Keene has a most difficult, and, in many respects, most discouraging position in the suburbs of Milwaukee. He has accomplished

much for the glory of God and the welfare of his Church ; and the time will doubtless soon come when St. John's will contain a large congregation of zealous worshippers.

The Rev. Mr. McNamara is laying a good foundation for the Church at Geneva. He presented a large class for confirmation, and hopes, in due time, to have a proper edifice for public worship.

The Rev. S. C. Millet is unable to exercise his ministerial duties in consequence of great debility.

The Rev. Dr. R. Park is doing admirably in every position. As rector of the church at Racine he presented forty-four candidates for confirmation. It was a delightful day, long to be remembered by pastor and people. All appeared to be edified, and all, I trust, realized the sanctifying and comforting influences of the Holy Spirit. As President of the College he has succeeded in obtaining a subscription of \$12,000 in the city of Racine, towards the erection of another and much needed building, the corner-stone of which is to be laid at an early day. Who will not strengthen the hands and cheer the heart of such an indefatigable laborer? His College richly deserves the liberal support of every member of the household of faith, and indeed of every good citizen.

In the rapidly growing city of Oshkosh, the Rev. David W. Telford has persevered with most commendable zeal until valuable lots are secured, a parsonage paid for, and a beautiful church nearly ready for consecration.

The Rev. Henry Martyn Thompson remained nearly a year at Elkhorn, where, amidst trials not a few, he did good service. He is now removed to a more extensive field, and as a city missionary in Milwaukee will occupy a sphere of great usefulness, for which the experiences of his early life have, it is believed, peculiarly fitted him.

Under the able and earnest ministry of the Rev. Hugh M. Thompson, and amidst difficulties often of an appalling nature, the parish at Portage is steadily advancing in size and strength.

The Rev. Ebenezer Williams continues to reside on his prairie farm in Grant county, and very seldom if ever permits, I believe, a Sunday to pass by without officiating.

Several clergymen who were connected with us last year have been transferred: The Rev. Hiram N. Bishop to Illinois, the Rev. P. Browne Morrison to Pennsylvania, the Rev. William Hommann to Pennsylvania, the Rev. W. W. Arnett, D. D., to Pennsylvania, and the Rev. G. E. Peters to Illinois.

During the same period there have been received into the Diocese: The Rev. John O. Barton and the Rev. Martin F. Sorensen, from Indiana; the Rev. J. B. Pradt, the Rev. Sebastian Hodges and the Rev. deacon Fayette Durlin, from Pennsylvania; the Rev. J. B. M. Pedelupe, after due examination and strict scrutiny, from the Church of Rome; the Rev. Alexander Capron, from Connecticut; and the Rev. Thomas Corlett, from Ohio. Of

here, Mr. Barton has settled at Superior, on Lake Superior, where he found a zealous band of churchmen, who have acted with great liberality.

Mr. Sorensen is the untiring missionary in Waupacca county, where, although he and his family have been at times destitute of the necessities of life, in consequence of the severity of the winter and the great scarcity of money, perseveres in preaching at Waupacca, New-London and other places, cheered by the hope that he is laying a foundation that no earthly calamity can destroy.

Mr. Hodges is most usefully engaged, not only in the parish and admirable school at Delafield, but teaches Biblical Literature, Elocution and Music, at Nashotah.

Mr. Pedelupe is now making an effort as a city missionary in Milwaukee, to preach to foreigners, especially to Germans. Who will not pray that it may be successful?

The congregation at Sheboygan is gradually growing in numbers and zeal. The church is to be enlarged without delay to double its present size. We must all cordially welcome Mr. Pradt as a true and faithful fellow laborer.

Mr. Durlin has thrown himself into La Crosse, a rapidly growing place, and if I am not greatly mistaken, has the energy and piety which will enable him, under the blessing of the great Head of the Church, to build up a flourishing parish.

Mr. Capron is the energetic and beloved rector of Kenosha, one of our oldest parishes.

Waukesha has very generally been supplied with services during the past year, and yet it has not had a settled pastor. The Rev. Mr. Stout has frequently officiated there, and at this time has temporary charge of the parish.

Mr. Corlett has begun in a new and interesting field, and will find, I trust, at Baraboo a people anxious to enjoy all the privileges of our beloved Zion. Of his earnestness and zeal I have the most satisfactory testimonials.

Of places which are now entirely destitute of our evangelical and soul-levating services, I here particularly mention Bloom Prairie, Berlin, Lipon, Green Lake and Hudson.

There are places which are occasionally visited. Mr. Pradt does not forget Plymouth, while the Rev. Mr. Hoyt, in addition to two stated services in his parish church, never fails, I believe, to give a third service at Two Rivers, a very thriving town, where we have three lots well situated, on which a pretty church is partly finished.

I have spoken for a year or two past in terms of great commendation of the parish school at Delafield. Such schools are our best nurseries for the Church. If most of our stations and parishes are too new or feeble to establish them, there exists, I conceive, the greater call upon all the clergy



to fulfill in the most punctual and earnest manner the important and sacred duties of catechists. The lambs of the flock should receive their increasing interest and attention, until they are duly prepared to take upon themselves their baptismal vows. Nor should there be any relaxation in the performance of this sacred duty so long as a child in years or knowledge remains in the parish who has not confessed Christ before men. The youthful heart is susceptible and generally bright, and can easily be led to embrace the fundamental and endearing truths of the Gospel with an earnestness and sincerity that experienced christians may almost envy. Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

The confirmations have been as follows: at Watertown, six; at Oshkosh, seven; at Delafield, thirteen; at Stevens' Point, twelve; at Wau-pacca, three; at Green Bay, three; at Fond du Lac, eleven; at Oconomowoc, three; at St. James', in Milwaukee, fifteen; at Racine, forty-four; at Elkhorn, five; at Delavan, nine; at Sheboygan, three; at Waukesha, six; at Oconomowoc, seven; at Geneva, twenty-three; at Madison, eleven; at St. Paul's, in Milwaukee, ten; at Portage, three; at Fond du Lac, seven; at Janesville, fourteen; at Delafield, nine; at Kenosha, eleven; at Whitewater, ten; at Lisbon, eight; at Sheboygan, two; at Manitowoc, three; at Beaver Dam, six; at Duck Creek, seven; at St. Olof's, three; and at Madison, seven. You will observe that in several cases two confirmations have been held, thus at Delafield there were really twenty-two, or deducting therefrom two who were brought there by the Rev. Mr. Kemper from his mission, about fifteen miles north of Nashotah, there were twenty at Delafield, eighteen at Fond du Lac, ten at Oconomowoc, eighteen at Madison, and five at Sheboygan. And I ought to mention that, at the earnest request of the clergy, I am soon to hold a second confirmation at St. James', in Milwaukee, at Racine, and at Kenosha. The whole number confirmed is two hundred and eighty-one, of whom three were Norwegians and seven Oneidas. It will be perceived that one or two important places, for instance Mineral Point and Beloit, are omitted in the list. This has not arisen from neglect of duty on the part of the rectors or myself, but from the difficulty of fixing upon a proper time when they would be ready and I could visit. Until released from my extensive missionary duties, which will certainly be at the meeting of the next General Convention, if not before, I cannot devote the whole of my time to Wisconsin.

During the year, among other parochial acts, I have baptized four infants, three of which baptisms will be reported by the clergy. And I have solemnized the marriage service twice.

On the 29th June, I laid the corner-stone of Trinity Church, Oshkosh; and on the 30th August, I consecrated St. John's Church, Portage, to the worship of Almighty God.

There are, at the present moment, eleven candidates for Holy Orders belonging to the Diocese. It is my duty to record their names: John G.

Jessman, George G. Hepburn, Theodore I. Holcomb, Louis I. Jessup, Delancy G. Rice, Thomas Smith, Pearson S. Townsend, Edward Seymour, John Rogers Thompson, N. Rue High, and Theophilus M. Riley. They are all pursuing their studies at Nashotah.

I have held four ordinations: on 31st August, in St. John's Church, Portage, I admitted the Rev. Hugh M. Thompson to the priesthood. On 3th March, 1857, being the second Sunday in Lent, at Nashotah Chapel, the Rev. Henry Martyn Thompson was advanced to the same office. On last Sunday, being Trinity Sunday, 7th June, 1857, Mr. William D. Christian was ordered a deacon. And this morning, in the presence of you all, the minister of the Church at Prairie du Chien, the Rev. John H. Egar, being found worthy, was ordained a priest.

Several parishes have been organized during the year, viz: St. Paul's Church, Baraboo; St. John's Church in the Wilderness, St. Croix county; St. Paul's Church, Columbus, Columbia County; Trinity Church, Prairie du Chien, and St. Paul's Church, Ashippun, Dodge County.

Almost every person who was so disposed has had an opportunity to become well acquainted with the transactions of the late General Convention through the various church papers. I have neither time nor space to dwell upon them. This Diocese, I trust, will always rank as eminently conservative. Let us endeavor by our cheerful and strict compliance, and by the holiness of our lives, to prove that the Prayer-Book as it is, in all its appointed services, is the very best way to promote the salvation of ourselves and others, and the glory of our heavenly Father. It was a source of deep regret to many that the laity of our Diocese were not represented at that important meeting. If due attention had been paid to the fifth section of the eighth article of the Constitution of our Diocese, such an unpleasant event would not have occurred. I may be permitted to observe that there is a rule which ought to be conscientiously adhered to, either to resign at once an office to which we are appointed, if we are unable to perform its duties, or to do our duty in the best possible way.

I am happy to mention to the Convention that I am authorized, if early application be made, to assist some of our feeble Sunday-Schools with necessary books of teaching.

Some money has been secured to our Diocese for the purchase of lots in new laid out villages for churches, parsonages and parochial school houses. I beg the attention of the Convention to this subject, and shall be happy to have an interview with any member in relation to it.

I have observed a statement to this effect, that the increase of our communicants for the last three years has been very small. I therefore consider it my duty to state the fact that a large number of Norwegians, for whom at an early day we did so much, have either moved to the Territories, or, now that they have ministers from their own country, have returned to Lutheranism; and that the strict discipline the missionary

has considered it his duty to exercise among the Oneidas, has greatly diminished the number on his list.

There are several parishes which I trust will determine by the close of this year to become self-supporting. The demand upon our own funds, and upon those of the Domestic Committee are such, that it becomes the sacred duty of every church, by the most strenuous exertions and at the earliest day to help itself.

I pray, dear brethren, that the Holy Spirit may preside over our meetings, and enable us to devise liberal things to the glory of God and the edifying of his people.

# APPENDICES.

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## APPENDIX A.

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### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF MISSIONS, FOR THE YEAR 1856-7.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Wisconsin respectfully report to the Convention of the same that during the past year they have held nine meetings. At these meetings they have recommended three persons as candidates for Holy Orders, one to the Diaconate, and three to Priest's Orders, viz :

|                |                                        |                      |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Aug. 26, 1856, | Rev. Hugh M. Thompson, B. D.,          | for Priest's Orders. |
| Dec. 29, "     | Rev. Henry M. Thompson, B. D.,         | " "                  |
| Nov. 18, "     | T. M. Reilly, as Candidate for Orders. |                      |
| " "            | J. R. Thompson                         | " "                  |
| " "            | N. R. High,                            | " "                  |
| May 11, 1857,  | Rev. John H. Egar, B. D.,              | for Priest's Orders. |
| June 2, "      | Wm. D. Christian,                      | to the Diaconate.    |

On the 8th of April, 1857, papers from the Diocese of California, requesting consent to the election of the Right Rev. W. Ingraham Kip, D.D., as Bishop of that Diocese, having been received, a committee was appointed to examine into the legality of said election. At a subsequent meeting, said committee having reported, the committee declined giving consent to said election.

In addition to the above, the Standing Committee would respectfully report their Acts as the BOARD OF MISSIONS of the Diocese.

In this capacity, at a meeting on June 27th, the Bishop reminded the Board of the Resolution of the last Convention, requesting this Board to raise the sum of \$1,200 00 for missions in this Diocese for the present year. And he most earnestly presented the wants of the Diocese, both as to additional missionaries, and adequate support for those now laboring at their posts. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That this Board make strenuous endeavors to raise at once the sum of two thousand dollars, by subscriptions or otherwise, for the better support of missionaries in the field during this present year, and for the extension this year of missionary labors in this Diocese. It was also

*Resolved*, That a committee of two laymen, members of this Board, be appointed by the Board to canvass the city of Milwaukee, and solicit dona-

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| due in two years from date. Interest annually at 12 per cent.                                                                                                     |        |
| Interest paid to Oct. 3, 1856. Principal,                                                                                                                         | 126 08 |
| 4. John S. Bangs' note and mortgage, dated July 17, 1855, due in one year from date. Interest annually at 12 per cent. Interest paid to July 17, 1856. Principal, | 241 29 |
| 5. John S. Bangs' note and mortgage, dated Jan. 29, 1857, due in one year from date. Interest annually at twelve per cent. Principal,                             | 329 26 |
| 6. Joseph Beck's note and mortgage, dated June 1st, 1857, due in two years from date. Interest annually at 12 per cent. Principal,                                | 300 00 |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer, as shown by balance of account,                                                                                                       | 52 01  |

Total amount of Fund, . . . . . \$2,130 64

ELIPHALET CRAM, *Treasurer.*

## APPENDIX C.

### DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND.

*H. H. CAMP, Treasurer, in account with Fund for Diocesan Missions in the Diocese of Wisconsin.*

|           |                                                                              | Dr.     |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1856.     |                                                                              |         |
| June 11,  | To balance from last Report,                                                 | \$29 88 |
| " 12,     | " Contribution of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, .                            | 12 96   |
| " 13,     | " " Trinity Church, Mineral Point, .                                         | 4 00    |
| " " "     | " St. Paul's Church, Beloit, .                                               | 10 00   |
| " " "     | " St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac, .                                          | 11 20   |
| Aug. 18,  | " " J. A. Helfenstein, .                                                     | 104 00  |
| " 22,     | " " Rev. Wm. Nash, .                                                         | 100 00  |
| " " "     | " Rev. S. Hollingsworth, .                                                   | 50 00   |
| " " "     | " Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper, .                                                  | 50 00   |
| " " "     | " Ch. of the Redeemer, Sup'r City, .                                         | 12 00   |
| " " "     | " Black River Falls, per hand of Mrs. C. D. Ketchum, .                       | 6 00    |
| " " "     | Received from Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Secretary, .                           | 20 00   |
| " 26,     | " " " " " " .                                                                | 206 18  |
| " 28,     | " " " " " " .                                                                | 7 00    |
| Sept. 12, | " " " " " " .                                                                | 15 00   |
| " 22,     | " " Rev. David Keene, .                                                      | 50 00   |
| " 24,     | " " Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, .                                                | 52 00   |
| Oct. 2,   | " " St. Matthias' Church, Waukesha, .                                        | 4 50    |
| " 7,      | " " Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Secretary, .                                     | 52 00   |
| " 15,     | " " Rev. S. Hollingsworth, Stockport, Columbia Co., N. Y., per Bp. Kemper, . | 50 00   |

# APPENDIX.

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| 15,   | Received from Rev. Edward Nash, Westport, Conn.,                                              |            |
|       | per Bishop Kemper,                                                                            | 50 00      |
| 23,   | " " St. John's Church, Elkhorn,                                                               | 9 09       |
| 28,   | " " Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Secretary,                                                        | 180 00     |
| 24,   | " " " " " "                                                                                   | 161 40     |
| 1,    | " " St. Sylvanus' Church, Nashotah Lakes,                                                     | 81 20      |
| 57,   |                                                                                               |            |
| 10,   | " " Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Secretary,                                                        | 111 25     |
| 16,   | " " Rev. S. Hollingsworth, by hand of Bishop Kemper,                                          | 60 00      |
| 24,   | " " Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Secretary,                                                        | 27 00      |
| 28,   | " " " " " "                                                                                   | 63 50      |
| 30,   | " " Mrs. C. Holliday, of Delafield, per hand of Bishop Kemper,                                | 10 00      |
| h 7,  | " " Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Secretary,                                                        | 28 75      |
| 16,   | " " " " " "                                                                                   | 124 25     |
| h 17, | " " " " " "                                                                                   | \$101 00   |
| 16,   | " " " " " "                                                                                   | 92 00      |
|       | (Of this amount, \$192 84 is the gift of J. C. Gaithwait, of Newark, N. J.,)                  | 198 00     |
| 11,   | " " Rev. S. Hollingsworth, per hand of Bishop Kemper,                                         | 50 00      |
| 16,   | " " a Friend, through Rev. Dr. Odenheimer, Philadelphia, for needy Missionaries in Wisconsin, | 50 00      |
| 4,    | " " Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Secretary,                                                        | 72 25      |
| 5,    | " " Trinity Church, Janesville,                                                               | 43 25      |
| 28,   | " " Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, Secretary,                                                        | 186 30     |
| 8,    | " " " " " "                                                                                   | 198 75     |
|       |                                                                                               | <hr/>      |
|       |                                                                                               | \$2,438 71 |
| 9,    | To balance,                                                                                   | \$1,421 21 |
| 56,   |                                                                                               | CR.        |
| 4,    | By paid Rev. C. C. Edmunds, (Bishop Kemper's draft,)                                          | \$25 00    |
| 18,   | " Rev. M. F. Sorensen,                                                                        | 50 00      |
| 3,    | " Rev. J. O. Barton,                                                                          | 100 00     |
| 10,   | " Rev. G. E. Peters,                                                                          | 40 00      |
| "     | " Rev. Jos. Adderly,                                                                          | 40 00      |
| 18,   | " Rev. M. Hoyt,                                                                               | 40 00      |
| 57,   |                                                                                               |            |
| 6,    | " Rev. O. B. Pradt,                                                                           | 40 00      |
| 24,   | " Rev. F. Durlin,                                                                             | 50 00      |
| 28,   | " Rev. M. F. Sorensen,                                                                        | 50 00      |
| 4,    | " Rev. G. E. Peters,                                                                          | 40 00      |
| 6,    | " Rev. O. B. Pradt,                                                                           | 40 00      |
| 13,   | " Rev. T. Corlett,                                                                            | 50 00      |
| 19,   | " Rev. M. Hoyt,                                                                               | 30 00      |
| 20,   | " Rev. M. F. Sorensen,                                                                        | 50 00      |
| 11,   | " Rev. H. Stone,                                                                              | 50 00      |
| 20,   | " Rev. J. B. Pradt,                                                                           | 40 00      |
| 6,    | " Rev. F. Durlin,                                                                             | 50 00      |
| 26,   | " Rev. H. M. Thompson,                                                                        | 50 00      |
| 30,   | " " " "                                                                                       | 50 00      |
| 38,   | " Rev. L. D. Brainerd,                                                                        | 50 00      |

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|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| June 4,   | By paid Rev. J. B. Pradt, (Bishop Kemper's draft,) | \$50 00           |
| April 17, | " Rev. G. E. Peters,                               | 32 50             |
|           | Balance,                                           | 1.491 21          |
|           |                                                    | <u>\$2,488 71</u> |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. H. CAMP, *Treasurer.*

## APPENDIX D. 1.

### CONVENTION FUND.

I. S. COLT, *Treasurer of the Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin.*

| 1856.    |                                                                                                                      | Dr.             |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| June 11, | To balance due per account rendered to Convention,                                                                   | \$71 89         |
| " 13,    | Cash per Rev. Mr. Ingraham, for Trinity Church, Mineral Point,                                                       | 3 00            |
| July 12, | Cash per Rev. A. D. Cole, D. D., for St. Sylvanus' Ch., Nashotah Lakes,                                              | 4 00            |
| " 15,    | Cash per Rev. H. Stone, for St. Matthias' Ch., Waukesha,                                                             | 5 00            |
| July 16, | " Rev. J. W. Coe, for Trinity Ch., Janesville,                                                                       | 2 00            |
| " 22,    | " Rev. C. C. Edmunds, for Christ Ch., Green Bay,                                                                     | 5 00            |
| " 30,    | " Rev. H. C. Shaw, for St. Alban's Ch., Lisbon,                                                                      | 5 00            |
| Aug. 4,  | " B. C. Adams, Esq., for St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha,                                                              | 10 00           |
| " 7,     | " T. T. Kissam, Esq., for Trinity Ch., Berlin,                                                                       | 3 00            |
| " 13,    | " Rev. Dr. Park, for Grace Church, Madison,                                                                          | 5 00            |
| " "      | " " for St. Luke's Ch., Racine,                                                                                      | 10 00           |
| " 20,    | " Rev. J. B. Britton, for Grace Church, Madison,                                                                     | 5 00            |
|          |                                                                                                                      | <u>\$128 39</u> |
| 1856.    |                                                                                                                      | Cr.             |
| Aug. 13, | By Cash paid Rev. R. Park, D. D., for Bill of Printing,                                                              | 112 75          |
| Oct. 22, | " Rev. A. D. Cole, D. D., of Nashotah, on account of money advanced by him in Philadelphia for Diocese of Wisconsin, | 15 64           |
|          |                                                                                                                      | <u>\$128 39</u> |

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 23, 1857.

I. S. COLT, *Treasurer.*

**C. A. PLACE, Treasurer, in account with the Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin.**

| 1857.    |    |                    |                                                    | Dr.      |
|----------|----|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May 10,  | To | Cash received from | St. John's Church, Milwaukee, .                    | \$4 00   |
| June 2,  | "  | "                  | Hobart Parish, Duck Creek, .                       | 2 00     |
| " "      | "  | "                  | Church of the Intercession, Stevens' Point, .      | 2 00     |
| " 10,    | "  | "                  | Grace Church, Sheboygan, .                         | 3 00     |
| " "      | "  | "                  | Christ Church, La Crosse, .                        | 5 00     |
| " "      | "  | "                  | St. John Chrysostom, Delafield, .                  | 4 48     |
| " "      | "  | "                  | St. Paul's Church, Beloit, .                       | 10 00    |
| " "      | "  | "                  | Trinity Church, Janesville, .                      | 10 00    |
| " "      | "  | "                  | Zion Church, Oconomowoc, .                         | 2 00     |
| " "      | "  | "                  | Christ Church, Delavan, .                          | 2 00     |
| " "      | "  | "                  | Grace Church, Madison, .                           | 10 00    |
| " "      | "  | "                  | St. Paul's Church, Fond du Lac, .                  | 5 00     |
| " "      | "  | "                  | St. Matthew's Church, Kenosha, .                   | 5 00     |
| " "      | "  | "                  | Trinity Church, Union P. O., .                     | 2 00     |
| July 22, | "  | "                  | Rev. L. D. Brainard, Missionary to Dodge County, . | 1 00     |
| " 14,    | "  | "                  | St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, .                    | 47 86    |
| " 31,    | "  | "                  | St. Luke's Church, Racine, .                       | 9 60     |
|          |    |                    |                                                    | <hr/>    |
|          |    |                    |                                                    | \$124 89 |

| 1857.    |         |            |                                                                                                               | Cr.      |
|----------|---------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| July 14, | Cash    | paid       | D. Ferguson, Esq., being amount advanced for balance due General Convention for the year 1856, per voucher, . | \$47 36  |
| " 31,    | "       | "          | Dr. Park's bill for printing circulars, notifying meeting of Convention, &c., .                               | 1 80     |
| Aug. 1,  | Balance | on hand, . |                                                                                                               | 75 28    |
|          |         |            |                                                                                                               | <hr/>    |
|          |         |            |                                                                                                               | \$124 89 |

C. A. PLACE, Treasurer.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 1, 1857.

**J. S. COLT, Treasurer of the Fund to defray the Expenses of the Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin.**

| 1856.     |      |                                          |                                 | Dr.      |
|-----------|------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| June 11,  | Cash | balance per account rendered this day, . |                                 | \$809 50 |
| " "       | Cash | received from                            | St. John's parish, Elkhorn, .   | 5 00     |
| " 18,     | "    | "                                        | Grace Ch., Madison, .           | 20 00    |
| " "       | "    | "                                        | Trinity Church, Madison, .      | 20 00    |
| " "       | "    | "                                        | St. Oloff's Church, Ashippun, . | 5 00     |
| " "       | "    | "                                        | Trinity Church, Berlin, .       | 5 00     |
| " 28,     | "    | "                                        | Trinity Church, Janesville, .   | 25 00    |
| Sept. 19, | "    | "                                        | Church at Duck Creek, .         | 15 88    |
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|           |      |                                          |                                 | \$405 88 |





## Parochial and Clerical Reports.

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REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D.

The undersigned begs to report, that during the past year he has been engaged in the duty of his professorship, for which he gives account to the Trustees of the Institution in which he is. He has officiated every Sunday and Holyday during the year as a clergyman, and performed divers services, all which will be found enrolled in the books of the parishes where they were performed.

With much respect,  
In Christ and the Church,  
WILLIAM ADAMS.

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### CHRIST CHURCH, DELAVAN.

REV. JOSEPH ADDERLY, *Rector.*

Families, 13. Communicants: removed, 1; added, 11; present number, 30. Baptisms: infants, 2; adults, 2—total, 4. Confirmed, 9; marriages, 3; burials, 1; Sunday School teachers, 4; scholars, 25; library, volumes, 100. Offerings of the Parish: Bishop's travelling expenses, \$15.00; Diocesan Missions, \$21.00; Convention Fund, \$2.00; Domestic Missions, \$6.00; Parochial purposes, \$89.00; for Sunday School Library, \$20.00—Total, \$153.00.

I took charge of this Parish on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, 1856. I found many of the members scattered and gone into the sects around us; but they are returning to the fold of the Church. The Sunday School was likewise discontinued; we have organized again, and continue to train up the children in the doctrines of the Church. We have enclosed our lot with a substantial fence, which adds considerable beauty to our Church. A parsonage is greatly needed in this parish, for it is not possible for a clergyman with his limited salary to pay the high price of rent. The vestry will make an effort this spring to purchase one, if they can be assisted in their undertaking by members of the Church in Milwaukee and other places. The vestry have the offer of a very commodious house adjoining the Church lot, which may be bought for fourteen hundred and fifty dollars. The vestry can raise here about eight hundred dollars; if they could raise the balance they would purchase immediately.

## GRACE CHURCH, MADISON.

REV. JAMES B. BRITTON, *Rector*.

Families, about 80; individuals, 300. Communicants: removed, 18; added, 20; present number, 90. Baptisms: infants, 19; adults, 6. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 10. Burials: infants, 7; adults, 8. Sunday School teachers, 10; scholars, 75; library, 400 volumes. Contributions: Missions, domestic, \$15.00; foreign, \$10.00; Bishop's expenses, not reported last year, \$20.00; this year, \$30.00; Convention Fund, not reported last year, \$5.00; this year, \$10.00; Sunday School offerings, \$75.00; for the new Church, \$4,584.20; which amount has been raised from subscription in the parish chiefly. \$400 were collected East, \$410 were proceeds of Ladies' Festival, and \$4.405 of subscriptions remain; which, with an expected loan of \$5,000 will enable us to occupy our long needed Church we trust at Christmas of the present year. The Rector can report increased kindness and interest, and the early prospect of one of the best church edifices in the North-west; and a large congregation, with a parsonage adjoining the Church. He enters upon his third year of pastoral charge with much to encourage his continued labors among an appreciating people. To the good Lord be all the praise, who alone maketh men to be of one mind in a house.

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, KENOSHA.

REV. ALEXANDER CAPRON, *Rector*.

Families, 105; individuals, about 400. Communicants: lost by removal since my services commenced, 4; added, 10; present number, 79. Baptised: infants, 5; children, 4; adults, 6—in all, 15. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 5. Burials: adults, 3. Sunday School teachers, 10; scholars, 74. Offerings of the Parish: for Episcopal Fund, \$20.00; Diocesan Missions subscriptions, taken by the Rev. Mr. Ingraham, \$190; Convention Fund, \$5.00; for needy of the Parish, \$41.62; for parochial purposes, Sunday School, \$35.00; repairing Church, \$250.00; weekly collection for contingent expenses, \$223.44—total, \$771.06.

The Rev. Mr. Cowell officiated in this Parish from Easter until the first Sunday in September—at that time my own services as the Rector commenced. In things temporal I found the Parish in a not unfavorable condition, and in this sense we are still prosperous. In appreciation of religious obligations and privileges, and consequently in practical godliness, there is wide room for improvement. Our great lack is a body of zealous and devoted male communicants. Of these we number at present only some half a dozen, and till there is considerable improvement in this respect, it can hardly be expected that as a Parish we shall accomplish much for the promotion of the Master's cause. There is an acknowledged need of a new and large Church, and it is hoped that during the year steps may be taken towards the erection of one that will contain the requisite accommodations, and in this respect redeem in part the credit of our enterprising and growing city.

## TRINITY CHURCH, JANESVILLE.

REV. JAMES W. COE, *Rector*.

By the blessing of the great Head of the Church, Trinity Parish has enjoyed uninterrupted peace and prosperity throughout the Conventional year now closed; which gives cause of gratitude for the past, encouragement for the present and hope for the future.

Communicants: died, 1; removed, 5; added, 46; present number, 130. Baptisms: children, 61; adults, 9—total, 70. Confirmed, 14. Marriages,

Burials: children, 7; adults, 6—total, 13. Sunday School teachers, 1; scholars, 60. Offerings: for the Bishop, \$28.00; Diocesan Missions, \$12.00; Convention Fund, \$10.00; for Nashotah, \$25.00; parochial purposes, \$733.00; for the Jews, \$12.00—total, \$1020.00.

## NASHOTAH MISSION.

REV. A. D. COLE, D. D., *President*.

Since the last annual Convention, three candidates for Holy Orders have gone from the Institution, one having been ordained in November last by the Bishop of Western New York, one on Trinity Sunday by the Bishop of this Diocese, and one, graduating on Trinity Sunday, has returned to the Diocese of North Carolina for ordination.

There are now fifteen candidates for Holy Orders, and twenty-two young men preparing for candidateship. The same merciful Providence that has so long sustained Nashotah has added another year to her history. The alms of the Church have continued the same regular course of labor, study and prayer, as in years past. Of these alms, we are most happy to acknowledge an increased amount from the Parishes and laymen of Wisconsin. May the Lord pour upon them the continual dew of His blessing.

## ST. SYLVANUS' PARISH, NASHOTAH.

REV. A. D. COLE, D. D., *Rector*.

Families, 30. Communicants: died, 2; added, 3; present number, 81. Baptisms: adults, 1; children, 5—total, 6. Burials: children, 2; adults, 3—total, 5.

This Parish has continued to give of its offerings, as hitherto, to every object that has claims upon a Parish in Wisconsin, neither adding to such objects nor omitting any. Convention Fund, \$4.00; Episcopal Fund, \$6.77; Assessment for Bishop, \$16.00; Diocesan Missions, \$31.20; Domestic Missions, \$24.00; Foreign Missions, \$21.00; Oconomowoc Female Seminary, \$5.00; Racine College, \$5.00; Nashotah House, \$36.50—total, \$149.47.

## ST. PAUL'S PARISH, BARABOO.

REV. THOMAS CORLETT, *Missionary*.

Present number of communicants, 8. Baptisms: infants, 2. Burials, 1.

In November last, I entered upon my Missionary labors in St. Paul's Parish, Baraboo, since which time I have held Divine service regularly morning and evening on every Lord's day, in a very pleasant and commodious hall, the use of which has been given us free of charge. Besides my labors in Baraboo, I have performed some Missionary labor in the surrounding neighborhoods.

From nine months' experience here, I am convinced that the only way in which the services of the Church can be maintained, will be to employ an itinerant Missionary for the county. In this way, the dispersed children of the Church who are here can be kept within our fold, and in time one or two good Parishes may be established. Sickness and death in my family have produced a temporary interruption in my labors, but I trust this afflictive dispensation of Providence may be sanctified to our good.

We have a Sunday School and Bible Class. We are greatly indebted to the children of St. John's Sunday School, Buffalo, N. Y., for a twenty dollar Sunday School Library; also to Mrs. George Hazar, of the same Parish, for aiding us in procuring a Communion Service.

## ZION CHURCH, OCONOMOWOC.

REV. L. W. DAVIS, *Rector*.

Number of families connected with the Parish, 80. Communicants: died, 1; removed, 8; added, 14; present number, 32. Baptisms: adults, 2; infants, 6—total, 8. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2. Sunday School teachers, 4; scholars, 80. Offerings: for Episcopal Fund, \$4.00; Bishop's expenses, \$4.00; Convention Fund, \$2.00; Domestic Missions, \$6.00; Foreign Missions, \$3.00; Parochial purposes, \$7.56; Diocesan Missions, \$30.00; contributed by the Ladies' Church Aid Society, for curtains and chairs, \$40.00.

There has been a very gratifying improvement in the numbers and regularity of attendance at worship and Holy Communion during the year. The Seminary went into operation September 1st, 1856, and has had during the year an average of thirty pupils. The present quarter numbers eleven boarding and twenty-one day pupils. The Rector has been engaged three hours a day in the Seminary.

## CHURCH OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, DELAFIELD.

UNDER THE CHARGE OF THE REV. JAMES DE KOVEN AND REV. J. S. B. HODGES.

Number of families connected with the Parish, 30. Communicants: removed, 14; added, 37; present number, 59. Baptisms: infant, 17; adults, 7—total, 24. Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 3. Burials: infants, 2.

Sunday School teachers, 8; scholars, about 60; school library, about 175 volumes. The Parish school has continued, by God's blessing, to prosper, and has 48 children under daily instruction. Offerings: Domestic Missions, \$11.00; Diocesan Missions, \$20.00; offerings of the Sunday School, \$35.56; assessment for the Bishop's traveling expenses, 15.00; Convention Fund, \$4.43; total for objects extra-Parochial, 35.99; for Parochial purposes, \$501.30. Ten lots of land have been given for the school and parsonage. A parsonage is also being erected. In addition to the above, \$407.38 have been contributed from abroad, principally for the Parish school. The total amount of donations in and for the Parish, exclusive of the salary of the clergy, has been for the past year, \$2,902.05.

## REV. JAMES DE KOVEN.

The Rev. James De Koven reports that during the year he has continued to act as Tutor of Ecclesiastical History at Nashotah House, and has also been associated in the charge of the Church of St. John Chrysostom, at Delafield.

## REV. J. S. B. HODGES.

The Rev. J. S. B. Hodges reports that since his reception into this Diocese, in October, 1856, he has been engaged in the discharge of his duties as Tutor of Biblical Literature, &c., at Nashotah House, and has also been associated in the charge of the Church of St. John Chrysostom, at Delafield.

## CHRIST CHURCH, LA CROSSE.

REV. FAYETTE DURLIN, *Missionary*.

Having been appointed by the Bishop Missionary at this place, I arrived here on the 17th of December last. Services were immediately commenced, and have since been continued without interruption twice on each Lord's day, on the greater Feasts and Fasts, and twice a week, with lectures, during Lent. The Parish was organized soon after I came, in entire conformity to the "Constitution of Parishes," adopted and set forth by the Convention of the Diocese; and shortly afterwards incorporated. The services have been well attended, and our prospects of ultimate success in establishing the Church here are encouraging. Five hundred dollars have been subscribed for the salary of the Missionary, and about two hundred more for rent, &c. Monthly collections have been made to meet incidental expenses, which, in all, amount to \$33.45. Collections for Bishop's traveling expenses, \$10.00; for Convention Fund, \$5.00. In addition to the above, about \$80.00 was raised and expended in furnishing a "lodging place" for the Missionary; a mark of kindness and good will which he fully appreciated at the time, and has not forgotten.

We have just organized our Sunday School, though we are not yet furnished with question books, library, &c. The ladies of the Parish are at work with a sewing society, with the intention of thus accumulating a fund to be expended on a church building when we come to that.

I need not speak of the difficulties and hindrances which exist here in the way of the Church's progress; because they are such as are common, universal throughout the West, and therefore well known. Great labor, great patience, and above all, great faith in the sure promise of our Lord, — these in the end will prevail over all obstacles. Here follow the statis-

## CHURCH OF THE INTERCESSION, STEVENS' PT.

REV. I. GREEN, *Rector*.

Families, 40. Communicants, 31. Baptisms: children, 24; adults, 2. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 8. Burials, 25. Sunday-School teachers, 8; scholars, 42. Offerings: Episcopal Fund, \$2.00; Convention Fund, \$2.00; Domestic Missions, \$10.00; Nahotah, \$5.00; Poor, \$18.00. The Bishop's traveling expenses will be paid in August.

Occasional services have been held at Wausau during the past year, and a church lot deeded to the Bishop by the Hon. Walter McIndoe and his amiable lady, to whom, as well as to Charles Surgle, Esq., and his kind hearted lady, I am deeply indebted for many acts of kindness. Messrs. Oate and Desert, the enterprising proprietors of Mosinee, have given a deed of a lot in that thriving village, and have promised help in the erection of a church when called upon to do so. The ladies of the Church of the Intercession have presented their Rector with a purse of \$110, for which he is truly grateful. May the Lord reward them four-fold for their goodness and benevolence.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COLUMBUS.

REV. LUTHER GREGORY, *Missionary*.

Number of families connected with the parish, 8; individuals, 25. Communicants, 9. Baptisms: infants, 2. Sunday-School teachers, 4; scholars, 18. Our number is weekly increasing. Library, 60 vols.

The parish is not yet four months old. On the 14th of last April I entered upon my labors here as missionary; since which time I have officiated once on each Lord's day, besides holding alternate services at York and Fall River, at both which points our services are well attended.

Our parish is indeed feeble. We labor amidst an ungodly people, many of whom are avowed infidels, whose faces are never seen where prayer is wont to be offered. Yet in spite of all obstacles, we have no reason to be discouraged. God's presence is with us, and we shall eventually gain a permanent foothold.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, WHITEWATER.

REV. L. RAVELLA HUMPHREY, *Rector*.

During the last Conventional year, services, with a sermon on every occasion, have been held in this parish twice every Lord's day, on all the High Festivals, on Ash Wednesday, and on every day in the Holy Week.

To our great pleasure and edification, and I trust to our real social and spiritual improvement, our venerable and well-beloved Bishop visited us on the 5th Sunday after Easter, preached twice, and administered the holy apostolic rite of confirmation to ten persons. By God's blessing on my most humble services, I think the general prosperity of the parish is onward. We have materially repaired and improved the church edifice, by papering, &c. All its sittings are taken, and I have very frequent calls for those we have not. God grant that the glad day may not be dis-

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tant when we may be able to extend the peculiar and precious privileges of Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, to all who may ask them at our hands. We hope to become a self-supporting parish by the first of January next. The statistics of the parish are as follows:

Families, 82. Communicants, 55. Baptisms: adults, 4; infants, 23—total, 26. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 8. Burials, 1. Sunday-School teachers, 5; scholars, 27. Offerings for Domestic Missions, \$5.00; Diocesan Missions, \$81.00; parish purposes, \$80.00; Bishop's traveling expenses, \$16.00. Total, \$182.

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### ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.

REV. J. P. T. INGRAHAM, *Rector*.

Number of families connected with the Parish, 75; individuals, 850. Communicants: died, 1; removed, 14; added, 23; present number, 80. Baptisms: infants, 29; adults, 5—total, 34. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 18. Burials, 25. Sunday School teachers, 12; scholars, 80; Parish Library, 250 volumes. Offerings: for Diocesan Missions of this Diocese, \$300.00; General Diocesan Missions, \$10.00; Parish poor, \$115.81; Parochial purposes, \$40.59; Episcopal Fund, \$21.00. Three students are sent from this Parish to Nashotah.

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### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.

REV. DAVID KEENE, B. D., *Rector*.

Communicants, 56; died, 3; removed, 6; present number, 47. Baptisms: adults, 3; infants, 32—total, 35. Of this number, four infants were baptised in the Parish of St. Paul's, Milwaukee; two in Grace Church Parish, Madison; and five, four infants and one adult, were baptised by Rev. Mr. Gregory, at Waterford, Racine county. Marriages, 19; not reported last year, 14—total, 32. Offerings: for Domestic Missions, \$5.00; Convention Fund, \$4.00; Jews, \$5.25; Bishop's Fund, \$15.00; Parish purposes, \$70.48. Collected for Church debt and the erection of Church spire, \$1200.00. Sunday School scholars, about 60; Parish school scholars, 85.

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REV. LEWIS A. KEMPER, B. D.

During the past conventional year I have been chiefly occupied with my duties as Tutor at Nashotah. I have officiated every Sunday, save two, when prevented by sickness. In addition to other services which are recorded in the various Parishes where performed, I have continued regular Missionary services in Ashippun township, Dodge county. A Parish was organised there last Autumn, but too late to authorize us to apply for union with this Convention. Land has been deeded to the Parish, the materials purchased and paid for, and the contract made for the erection of a small church, which we have a reasonable hope of occupying, free from debt, before cold weather. The statistics of the Parish are: Congregation, 130; communicants, 27; confirmed, 2. Baptisms: infants, 11. Marriage, 1. Contributions: Parochial purposes, \$623.00; Missions, &c., \$19.43.



## CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, GENEVA.

REV. J. McNAMARA, *Missionary*.

Considering the size of the village, and the temporal condition of the people, this Parish is in a very flourishing state. Much progress in the spiritual life has been manifested during the past year. Almost every member of the Church has endeavored to do his duty in contributing to the support of the ministry. The privileges of the Church are *free* to all, while all pay towards furnishing them to others who may be induced to come to the sanctuary. A new and more commodious church edifice is necessary to the permanency of the Parish; we shall always feel poor and in danger of failure until we succeed in this particular. The statistics of the Parish for the past year are as follows: Baptisms: children, 20; adults, 9—total, 29. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Communicants: last year, 22; lost by removal, 4; withdrawn, 1; suspended, 1; added by removal, 5; added through confirmation, 22; present number, 43. Sunday School teachers, 2, beside the Minister; scholars, 35. A melodeon, costing \$150, has been purchased for the Church; \$50.00 per annum is a sum pledged to a person to play the instrument; \$35.75 was subscribed for Diocesan Missions, of which \$30.72 has been paid; \$15.00 was assessed for the Bishop's traveling expenses, of which \$11.60 has been paid; \$52.00 has been paid towards our church lot; collections for incidental expenses of the Parish, \$18.29; making a total of \$265.64. The vestry has the pledge of \$150, through the Bishop, from the Western Church Extension Fund, towards the purchase of the church lot, for which donation they will be very thankful.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, RACINE.

REV. ROSWELL PARK, D. D., *Rector*.

Number of families, about 120, communicants, about 130. Baptisms: children, 94; adults, 6—total, 100. Confirmed, 44. Marriages, 4. Burials: children, 5; adults, 4—total, 9. Sunday School teachers, 15; scholars, 100, besides 60 youth in the Bible Class; Sunday School library, 200 volumes; Parish library, 50 volumes. Offerings: for the Episcopal Fund, \$10.00; Bishop's salary, \$25.00; Diocesan Missions, \$81.25; Domestic Missions, \$18.00; Foreign Missions, \$15.00; Convention Fund, \$5.00; Parochial charity, \$400; other Parochial contributions, \$170; besides a subscription of \$978 for repairs and improvements of the church edifice and grounds. Total contributed in the Parish, \$1697.25, besides the Rector's salary of \$600 per annum.

The present Rector entered on his duties on the first day of last September, as successor to the Rev. Joseph H. Nichols; in whose affliction the Parish has deeply sympathized. For what has been accomplished, the Lord be praised! For what remains to be done, may the Lord grant grace and strength!

## RACINE COLLEGE.

REV. ROSWELL PARK, D. D., *President*.

During the past year the President has devoted on an average five hours per day, during six days of the week, to the duties of his office, usually hearing six recitations daily. He has been assisted by Rev. Samuel B. Seaman, as Professor of the Greek and Latin languages, and by Mr. Warren J. Durham, A. B., as Principal of the English department; and during the last half of the year by the Rev. George Cowell, A. M., of Trinity College, Cambridge, as Professor of English Literature. The College is believed to be in a healthy condition, now numbering 67 students; and by a very strenuous, not to say desperate effort, the sum of \$12,000 has been subscribed in Racine, this Spring, towards the erection of a second college building, a twin to the first, the foundation walls of which are now in progress. The total amount thus far given to Racine College in the Diocese of Wisconsin, and out of Racine, is \$493.00; of which sum, \$100 was contributed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper. Every dollar yet given to the College has been devoted to its endowment; and the Faculty has received only a very slender support from the tuition fees of the students.

## MISSION FOR THE GERMANS IN MILWAUKEE.

REV. J. B. M. PEDELUPE, *Missionary*.

On the 20th of April, of this year, I began my mission among the Germans, by visiting several families. On the first Sunday in May I gave my first sermon, though I had but few persons; nevertheless I have good hope that before a year we shall be able to count a small number of families as belonging to the Mission. All is difficulty around me; but I am strong in Him who has promised help to his servants. To advance the work of God, I shall try soon to open a Sunday School, to bring the parents, through the children. I have also had a French service, and will have one now and then, to induce the Germans to come to Church. I have a German service every Sunday at 10 o'clock in the morning, and will have one in the afternoon as soon as I shall be able to get a few persons to come to it. I have in my Mission two communicants; and the first time I gave the communion I had five Lutherans.

## TRINITY CHURCH, MINERAL POINT.

REV. JOSIAH PHELPS, *Rector*.

Baptisms: infants, 15; adult, 1—total, 16. Communicants: last year, 48; added, 6; lost, by death, 2; by removal, 8; present number, 44. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Number of families connected with the Parish, 40. Offerings: for Parish purposes, \$37.00; Domestic Missions, \$10.00; Episcopal Fund, \$10.00; Convention Fund, \$2.00.

## GRACE CHURCH, SHEBOYGAN.

REV. J. B. PRADT, *Missionary*.

The present Missionary took charge of this Parish in June, 1856; it having been vacant, or mostly unsupplied with services, during the two years previous. The Wardens reported last year, 20 families and 20 communicants. Present number of families 28. Communicants: removed, 3; received from other Parishes, 5; added, 5; present number, 28. Baptisms: infants, 11; adult, 1—total, 12. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 3. Burials: infant, 1; adults, 2—total, 3. Sunday scholars, 20. The children at present are catechised by the Rector every Sunday afternoon. Bible class, 12. Offerings of the Parish: for Diocesan Missions, \$65.00; Nashotah House, \$5.00; Convention Fund, \$3.00; Bishop's traveling expenses, \$12.00; Domestic Missions, \$5.00; Foreign Missions, (for a disaster in Africa,) \$7.00; Parochial purposes, \$277.59—total, \$363.09. In addition to the above offerings and expenditures, the church is in process of enlargement, and will be ready for services again on my return from Convention. I have extended occasional services to Plymouth, 19 miles west of Sheboygan, where I have baptised one child. Several communicants reside in the vicinity, and some efforts have been made to procure a clergyman and build a church.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MILWAUKEE.

REV. JAMES C. RICHMOND, *Rector, elect*.

Infant baptisms, 80; adults, 2. Confirmed, 10. Sunday School: 150 pupils, 26 teachers. Communicants, about 180, of whom about 20 have been added. Contributed to City Mission about \$1200, including the sum given for purchasing the building, and donations for the Mission made to the Missionary; by the ladies, for a new Sunday School room, \$20.00; \$3000 towards paying the debt of the Church; \$1100 for Diocesan Missions; \$75.00 for the Bishop's traveling expenses; about \$500 for other purposes.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WATERTOWN.

REV. L. W. RUSS, *Rector*.

Families, 50; individuals, 175. Communicants: removed, 1; added, 7; present number, 50. Baptisms: infants, 10; adult, 1—total 11. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 3. Burials: infant, 1; adults, 3—total, 4. Sunday School teachers, 6; scholars, 30; library, volumes, 110; Parish library, volumes, 20. Offerings of the Parish: for Episcopal Fund, \$10.00; Diocesan Missions, subscribed but not collected, \$60.00; Bishop's expenses, \$30.00; Convention Fund, \$10.00; for Nashotah, \$75.00; for the Sunday School, \$30.00; Parochial poor, \$40.00; Parochial purposes, \$50.00; Donation to the Rector, \$200—total, \$515.00.

I am happy to report the Parish in a pleasant and prosperous condition. The signs of a healthy growth are unmistakable. The services are well attended; the truth, like leaven, is doing its silent work; ignorance and

prejudice are giving way, and the Church, standing strong in her integrity, is securing the acknowledgement of her superior character and claims. We are much in want of a new and large church edifice, and hope, with God's blessing, to commence it by another Spring.

## ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, LISBON.

REV. HENRY C. SHAW, *Rector*.

Number of families, 60. Communicants: removed, 2; added, 10; present number, 90. Baptisms, infants, 37. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 3. Burials: infants, 2; adults, 3—total, 5. Sunday School teachers, 6; scholars, 65. Offerings: Domestic Missions, \$6,66; Foreign Missions, \$1,88; Diocesan Missions, \$25,53; Episcopal Fund, \$8,40; for printing Journal of Convention, \$5,00; assessment for Bishop's traveling expenses, \$15,00; to Nashotah, \$22,19; Parochial purposes, \$20,38; Sunday School, \$4,19—total, \$115,82.

In addition to the above, we have completed the temporary enlargement of our church building, spoken of in my last report, and purchased a valuable lot consisting of three acres of ground. This lot affords ample room for the enlargement of our present church-yard, and a beautiful sight for a new church at some future day. Our progress is necessarily slow, but by the Lord's blessing we are doing something.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BELOIT.

REV. JOHN E. C. SMEDES, *Rector*.

Families, 40; communicants, 67. Baptisms: adults, 5; infants 8—total, 13. Marriages, 3. Burials: adult, 1; infant, 1—total, 2. Sunday School teachers, 6; scholars, 40. Offerings: Domestic Missions, \$76,00; Diocesan Missions, \$50,00; Foreign Missions, \$76,00; assessment for the Bishop, \$25,00; Nashotah, \$25,00; Episcopal Fund, \$10,00; Convention Fund, \$10,00; charitable uses, \$12,51; Parochial purposes, \$325,00—total, \$609,54.

## THE REV. MARTIN F. SORESENSEN, *Missionary*.

As Missionary of Waupacca county, I beg leave to report: Communicants within my mission, about 50. Baptisms: adults, 6; infants, 16—total, 22. Marriages, 6. Burials: adults, 3; infants, 4—total, 7. Since my return to the Diocese, I have been actively engaged in this new field, having officiated at Waupacca, Weyauwega, Hobart's Mills, and lately at New London, with occasional services at the towns of Lind and Farmington. In all these places I have found communicants of the Church, who have been gathered in congregations, and rejoice in being able to join once more in the prayers and praises of our beloved Zion. At Waupacca, where a Hall has been rented and fitted up for service, I have officiated twice on every alternate Sunday; and through the winter I have had service every Wednesday evening, and lectured on the evidences of Christianity, the distinctive doctrines of the Church, and kindred subjects. The largest number of communicants are found here; the attendance has been

good and steadily increasing. A Sunday School taught by some of the ladies has been commenced, and in another year I hope we will be able to commence a church building.

At Weyauwega and Hobart's Mills the prospects are not quite so encouraging at present. I have devoted every other Sunday to these places until lately, when I commenced to visit New London once a month. This village, situated at the head of navigation on Wolf river, promises to become an important place and is growing fast. I found there but one or two communicants, but many seem to be interested in the Church. The congregations are large and attentive, and I hope at no distant day to see a Parish organized. In the towns of Lind and Farmington I have officiated in school houses, generally on the afternoon of the Sunday in which I preach at Waupacca.

### ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, WAUKESHA.

REV. CHAS. B. STOUT, *officiating*.

Baptisms since the last Convention, by Rev. H. Stone, 5 children; by Rev. C. B. Stout, 8—total, 13. Confirmed, 6, and 2 belonging to the Parish elsewhere, viz: in St. James' Church, Milwaukee, 1, and Grace Church, Madison, 1—total 8. Admitted to communion, 7; by transfer, 2—total, 9. Removed, 4; present number, 38. Burials, 2. Communion administered monthly, and on the principal festivals. Contributions: Communion alms, for incidental and other expenses, \$30.57; printing Journal, sent Mr. Colt, \$5.00; Domestic Missions, \$5.14; assessment on Parish for Bishop's traveling expenses, \$10.50; subscriptions for Diocesan Missions, per Rev. Mr. Ingraham, \$34.50; interest of debt, \$45.00; Ladies' Society, for Melodeon, \$108.00; on hand, for additional payment for the same, \$30.00—total, \$138.00. Most of this has been earned by ten to fifteen ladies, who continue their unremitting exertions in aid of the Parish; more than \$300, during the past 3 years, having been raised by them.

The officiating clergyman resigned the rectorship in March, 1856, having been engaged in the agency of the Western Church Extension Society the Autumn previous. His place was supplied for several months with Sunday service by the Rev. S. C. Millett. The Rev. H. Stone served the Parish faithfully for five months, ending with November last, when he left for his distant missionary field of labor in Kansas. Since December last, the writer has been again in charge. Other clergymen who have given one or more Sundays since then, are the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, and the Rev. Messrs. L. A. Kemper, De Koven, Hodges, and Wells. Two clergymen have been called to the rectorship, since Mr. Stone left; both have declined. Overtures have been made to one or two others, thus far without success. The pew rents that are reliable for the support of the ministry do not much exceed three hundred dollars. Missionary assistance will need to be continued for a few years longer. Its condition has been somewhat peculiar. Too near Milwaukee to be much of a business place, Waukesha depends for its growth upon the educational advantages enjoyed here, and its pleasant location. The losses the Parish has sustained from removals of business men from the place, have been a constant drain on its strength. More has been contributed during the past year for missionary and other like purposes than usual, and this is an encouraging fact. Some additions have been made to the communion list, notwithstanding its somewhat broken state. The Lord has blessed our

efforts, but not to the extent which greater faithfulness on the part of His people would have secured.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTAGE.

REV. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON, *Rector*.

Families: last reported, 61; removed, 6; added, 7; present number, 62. Communicants: last reported, 50; removed, 6; added, by transfer, 9; by confirmation, 3; present number, 56. Baptisms: adults, 2; infants, 19—total, 21. Confirmed, 3. Married, 7. Buried, 16. Sunday School teachers, 5; scholars enrolled, 68. Offerings: for Sunday School, \$14.00; Domestic Missions, \$6.95; Convention Fund, \$6.90; other contributions expended in the Parish, \$61.90. Sunday School contributions, towards purchase of a font, \$10.00; for Diocesan Missions, \$4.10. Subscribed by individuals in the Parish for Diocesan Missions, \$148.00—paid at this date about \$40.00, (the balance soon.) Subscription for painting church, etc., about \$800, and lamps and hangings, by the ladies, about \$120.

We have had an exceedingly discouraging year, in some respects; our services more or less irregular for a part of it, being out of the church, as we are now. Nevertheless, the Parish is increasing in members, and has become self-supporting. The church building, consecrated before completion, has been altered and greatly improved—quite a large amount being expended upon it since that event. We shall have all improvements completed in two weeks, and it will then compare favorably with any church in the Diocese. Our city is rapidly growing as usual, and we are getting all shades of sectarianism represented among us. It becomes the members of the Church to be up and doing. Our great hindrance is the error churchmen commit, of looking at the Church too often as a sect among sects, instead of as that divine body whose business is to annihilate sects.

## TRINITY CHURCH, OSHKOSH.

REV. D. W. TOLFORD, *Rector*.

We are making good progress in our Church matters here. Our church edifice will be finished, upholstered and furnished in about two weeks, and we trust free of debt; and ready for consecration in about two months. I give a brief outline below. The condition of the church ground property and parsonage is as follows:

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| Original cost of ground property and parsonage house, - - -               | \$1200 00 |
| Interest on \$600 at 12 per cent., 12 months, - - -                       | 72 00     |
| Interest on \$272 " 9 " to April 14, 1857, - - -                          | 32 64     |
| Floating debt, (money advanced by Senior Warden,) - - -                   | 52 82     |
| Removing house, repairs and improvements on property, - - -               | 416 62    |
| Additional floating debt, - - -                                           | 35 00     |
| Total of cost and debt, - - -                                             | \$1809 08 |
| Paid by congregation, and repaid by credits on pews, - - -                | \$375 00  |
| " by donations from citizens of Oshkosh, - - -                            | 225 00    |
| " by Ladies' Festival money, - - -                                        | 75 00     |
| " by Rector, collections abroad, - - -                                    | 741 62    |
|                                                                           | \$1416 62 |
| Total balance on cost and debt, - - -                                     | \$392 46  |
| Reduce this by income of property to April 15, 1857, in house rent, - - - | 350 00    |
| Leaves the property free to the Parish at an actual outlay of but - - -   | \$42 46   |

The property is now worth at least \$5000.

**CHURCH EDIFICE.**—This has been built by the congregation. The entire cost of the edifice will be something over \$5,000; the furniture and furnishing about \$1,000 more; total, something over \$6,000. Between \$4,000 and \$5,000 has been already paid, and the remainder provided for. The building is Gothic, with open roof showing the rafters, and is lighted with stained glass windows—the beautiful chancel window—a present from Rev. Dr. Bolles, of Cleveland, Ohio. It will seat 500 persons. The church reflects great credit upon the architect and builder, Mr. A. N. Parker, of our city. It is really an ornament to our city and an honor to the Parish. I have also commenced a fund abroad for a Parish school house.

**THE CONGREGATION, &c.**—Our congregations are large—in fact we have already a well-filled house. We have taken up a subscription for an organ, and already forwarded one-half the purchase money to the builders, expecting to have it here in three or four weeks, previous to consecration. Most of the pews in church are already occupied or spoken for. We will relinquish the missionary stipend at the close of the current year, if not before. At present we have about 90 families, and 60 communicants. Baptisms, infants, 10; burials, 9; confirmed, 7.

**A NEW PARISH.**—South of the river, in the third Ward, or Brooklyn, there is a rapidly increasing community, and no place of public worship. We have felt it important to occupy this ground, consequently I have authorised the organization of a new Parish there; the wardens and vestry have been chosen, and I take charge of the organization for the present. A lot has been promised, and we propose building a free chapel, organizing a Sunday School, and keeping up regular services—thus laying the foundation of another independent Parish. Considering that this ground was permanently occupied but three years since, I think we have reason to be thankful for the measure of blessing bestowed upon the Church's work here.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELKHORN.

REV. HENRY M. THOMPSON, *late Rector.*

I resigned the above missionary field on the Monday after Easter; since which time I have been laboring as Missionary in the city of Milwaukee.

Families removed from St. John's Parish the past year, 2; present number, connected therewith, 23. Communicants: removed, 4; died, 1; present number, 25. Baptisms: infants, 2; children, 7; adults, 4—total, 13. Confirmed, 5. Marriage, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday scholars, from 26 to 40; teachers 5. Offerings: for Bishop's traveling expenses, \$17.00; Domestic Missions, \$10.00; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; African Mission, \$5.00; Parish Register, \$8.00; expended on church building, \$2.25; paid to the Diocesan Missionary Fund, \$24.50—total, \$64.75.

I would also state that the ladies (or a few of them,) have the past year paid \$140.00 on their parsonage lot, which, together with \$160.00 paid on the same by them the year before, makes \$300 they have toiled for; gathering a little here and a mite there, in order to secure the most suitable place on which to erect the future dwelling of their future Pastor. Where acts speak, no voice is needed. This report is from May 25th, 1856, to April 13th, 1857.

## ST. OLOFF'S CHURCH, ASHIPUN.

REV. G. UNONIUS, *Missionary*.

During the past year I have visited the Norwegian settlement at Ashippun five times. The statistics of the Parish are nearly the same as for the past two years. Number of families, 20; individuals, 118; communicants, 60. Infant baptisms, 10. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 2. Burial, 1.

## TRINITY CHURCH, NEW CALIFORNIA.

REV. EBENEZER WILLIAMS, *officiating*.

The congregation of Trinity Church, New California, receiving no encouragements of their Parish becoming a Missionary station, and disappointed in the hopes which had been partially promised of receiving aid from a lady in the East, they have become discouraged, and like many congregations in the West, are lacking in energy and zeal—so much so that the services of the Church are but indifferently attended; withal a few of the native villagers are warmly attached to her services.

Since the people of Montford have had their new school house built, I have been earnestly requested to renew the Church services at this village, which is constantly performed, alternately with my own house and other places. Still, whilst we are continually at the will of the deluded and bitter enemies of the Church, with regard to a house to hold services, as we have been for the last seven years, what effectual good can be done? for we are constantly interrupted with regard to the hour of our appointments. This is a wide field for usefulness, and many people would come into our branch of the Holy Church if we had a building; even such a one, to commence with, as would cost \$500 only. I am satisfied, with the grace of God, many souls would be permanently added to the "household of faith," and eternally saved. If the richer members of the Church do not soon rescue this feeble section of the vineyard of Christ, she will lose souls and be eternally condemned. Whilst such a vast amount of money is sent to foreign shores, those who thus give liberally cannot be aware of the destitution of their country.

If any person or persons will forward to the Right Rev. Bishop Kemper, or through T. N. Stanford, Esq., or the editor of the *Churchman*, New York, the sum of \$500, towards the erection of a church in this neighborhood, I will devote the remainder of my life, as long as God in mercy may extend it, and strengthen me so to do, to her altars, free of any salary whatever. For the last five years my services have been gratuitous, with the exception of \$20.00, which I receive annually for years from the family of the Hon. G. M. Tibbits, of Troy, N. Y. Had I Sunday School books, I could have a school at Montford. I am out of books, tracts, bibles, and have but a few prayer books left, which were given me at the last visit of our good Diocesan. We have visited several sick persons, of all denominations, read the bible and had prayers with them. On one occasion, I preached in the morning and assisted in the administration of the Holy Eucharist the Rector of Trinity Church, Mineral Point; in the after-



noon preached a funeral sermon, and again assisted the Rector in the interment of an estimable communicant of said Church. Baptisms, two infants, at Montford.

## ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BEAVER DAM.

REV. L. D. BRAINERD, B. D., *Rector*.

Families connected with the Parish, 14; individuals, about 50. Communicants: removed, 3; added to Parish, by letter, 4; added by confirmation, 5; present number, 15. Baptisms: infants, 2; children, 1; adult, 1—total, 4. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials: adults, 3. The Sunday School remains small, but as prosperous as we can reasonably expect. Weekly offerings of Parish towards Rector's salary, since Sept. 29, 1856, \$40.60; subscription for Diocesan Fund, \$15.75; for the poor, \$4.50; Domestic Missions, \$3.00; Bishop's traveling expenses, \$2.00—total, \$65.85. The prosperity of this young Parish is owing, under God, to the zeal and untiring energy of one active and consistent churchman, who under the many trying and discouraging circumstances incident to the building up of a new Parish in the West, has upheld the Rector's hands and materially assisted and befriended him. Through the liberality of a prominent citizen of the place, we are permitted to hold our services every Sunday morning in Union Hall, free of rent. We expect, (D. V.) as soon as times are better and money a little easier, to go on with our church building.

## FOX LAKE.

REV. L. D. BRAINERD, *Missionary*.

Families connected with the station, 14; individuals, about 60. Communicants: added by letter, 2; present number, 12. Baptisms: infants, 2; children, 4; total, 6. Burials: infants, 1. Sunday School library, 100 volumes. Sunday School rather small, but as large as we can expect, all things considered. Offerings for S. S. library, and freight on same, \$12.75; for Bishop's Traveling Expenses, \$3.00—total, \$15.75. God willing, we shall have a class for confirmation in two or three months, when our good Bishop has kindly consented to visit us. Besides my duties at Beaver Dam and Fox Lake, I have officiated at Columbus, in Columbia County, six times; administered the Holy Communion once; and buried one adult.

## THE REV. JOSEPH H. NICHOLS.

Having resigned, on the first of October, 1856, the Rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Racine, it was my intention, after having fulfilled my duties as one of the clerical delegates to the General Convention held in this city during the last autumn, on my return home to devote myself entirely to my Professorship of English Literature and Rhetoric in Racine College, and at the same time to be always ready to supply such parishes in the neighborhood as might need my ministerial services. I had not, however, been in my place as a member of the General Convention more than one

ek, before I was taken with a serious illness, which has confined me re all the past winter and spring; but from which, through the Divine ssing upon the best medical skill, and upon the kind and assiduous entions of the best of friends of both sexes, who have been to me like nistering spirits in my long confinement, I am now rapidly convalescing, d I trust I shall be in more vigorous health, and more capable of dis- arging all the functions of my calling than before my illness. I hope on to be in the ranks again, and to take my place among those devoted, mplished and self-denying champions of the Cross, the clergy of Wis- sin.

## CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, SUPERIOR.

REV. J. O. BARTON, *Rector*.

Number of Families, 28; individuals about 100. Communicants: died, present number, 22. Baptisms: infants, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. nday School teachers, 4; scholars, 12; Sunday School library, 200 vol- es. Offerings and collections of the Parish: Communion offerings, 2.55; Diocesan Missions, \$12.00; the Bishop's salary, \$60.00; Paro- ial purposes, about \$2,150.00—total, \$2,284.55. This parish was organ- d on the 31st of December, 1855. The Missionary took charge in June, 56. A small neat plank church has been built, which is filled with an tentive and earnest congregation. Liberality and enterprise characterize e people of the parish. Superior is a rapidly growing town, and from ; natural position, will soon be a flourishing place. We are endeavoring have the Church keep pace with the town, and we earnestly look for- ard to the time when we shall have here a large and flourishing parish. Services are held twice on each Lord's Day, and also on each Friday ternoon. The Festivals and Fasts will also be observed.

The parish owns the two valuable lots upon which the church stands, id also two lots for a parsonage. We have purchased a good organ for e church, and this summer we hope to procure a bell. We are now out to put up a tower in front of the church, and to put a fence around e church lots. We earnestly pray that God may bless our endeavors to ild up the Church at this outpost of civilization.

# ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| PARISHES ACCORDING TO SENIORITY.                                 | RECTOR OR MINISTER.                              | Date of Organization. | Families. | Communicants. | Baptized. | Confirmed. | Marriages. | Burials. | Sunday School. | Parochial Donations. | Missionary and other contributions. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Christ Church, Green Bay, . . .                                  | Rev. C. C. Edmunds, B. D., (res'd.)              | 1829                  | 56        | 55            | 14        | 3          | 3          | 6        | —              | \$3,020 00           | \$2,875 00                          |
| St. Paul's, Milwaukee, . . .                                     | Rev. James C. Richmond, . . .                    | 1838                  | —         | 180           | 32        | 10         | —          | —        | 150            | 28 94                | 16 77                               |
| Hobart Church, Duck Creek, . . .                                 | Rev. E. A. Goodnough, B. D., . . .               | 1838                  | 50        | 87            | 18        | 7          | 4          | 30       | 40             | 508 44               | 162 62                              |
| St. Matthew's, Kenosha, . . .                                    | Rev. Alexander Capron, . . .                     | 1840                  | 105       | 79            | 15        | 11         | 5          | 3        | 74             | 325 00               | 284 54                              |
| St. Paul's, Beloit, . . .                                        | Rev. John E. C. Smedes, . . .                    | 1841                  | 40        | 67            | 13        | —          | 3          | 2        | 40             | 150 25               | 54 75                               |
| St. John's, Elkhorn, . . .                                       | Rev. L. Ravella Humphrey, . . .                  | 1841                  | 23        | 25            | 13        | 5          | 1          | 2        | 40             | 80 00                | 102 00                              |
| St. Luke's, Whitewater, . . .                                    | Rev. Henry C. Shaw, B. D., . . .                 | 1842                  | 32        | 55            | 26        | 10         | 3          | 1        | 27             | 20 33                | 94 99                               |
| St. Alban's, Lisbon, . . .                                       | Rev. Foswell Park, D. D., . . .                  | 1842                  | 60        | 90            | 37        | 9          | 3          | 5        | 65             | 1,143 00             | 554 25                              |
| St. Luke's, Racine, . . .                                        | Rev. C. B. Stout, (resigned), . . .              | 1842                  | 120       | 130           | 100       | 44         | 4          | 9        | 160            | 213 57               | 55 14                               |
| St. Matthias', Waukesha, . . .                                   | Rev. James W. Coe, . . .                         | 1844                  | —         | 38            | 13        | 8          | —          | 2        | —              | 733 00               | 287 00                              |
| Trinity, Janesville, . . .                                       | Rev. G. Unonius, B. D., . . .                    | 1844                  | 20        | 00            | 10        | 3          | 2          | 1        | 25             | 89 00                | 54 00                               |
| St. Olof's, Ashippun, . . .                                      | Rev. Joseph Adderly, . . .                       | 1844                  | 13        | 30            | 4         | 9          | 3          | 1        | —              | 57 00                | 22 00                               |
| Christ Church, Delavan, . . .                                    | Rev. Josiah Phelps, . . .                        | 1845                  | 40        | 44            | 16        | —          | 2          | 6        | —              | 4,534 20             | 165 00                              |
| Trinity Church, Mineral Point, . . .                             | Rev. James B. Britton, . . .                     | 1846                  | 80        | 90            | 25        | 18         | 10         | 15       | 75             | —                    | 149 47                              |
| Grace Church, Madison, . . .                                     | Rev. A. D. Cole, D. D., . . .                    | 1846                  | 30        | 81            | 6         | —          | —          | 5        | —              | 49 00                | 47 56                               |
| St. Sylvanus', Nashotah, . . .                                   | Rev. L. Wilson Davis, . . .                      | 1846                  | 30        | 32            | 8         | 10         | 4          | 2        | 30             | 277 50               | 85 50                               |
| Zion Church, Oconomowoc, . . .                                   | Rev. J. B. Pradt, . . .                          | 1847                  | 28        | 28            | 12        | 5          | 2          | 3        | 20             | 1,270 43             | 29 25                               |
| Grace Church, Sheboygan, . . .                                   | Rev. David Keene, B. D., . . .                   | 1847                  | —         | —             | 35        | —          | 32         | —        | 60             | 340 00               | 175 00                              |
| St. John's, Milwaukee, . . .                                     | Rev. L. W. Russ, . . .                           | 1847                  | 50        | 50            | 11        | 6          | 3          | 4        | 30             | —                    | —                                   |
| St. Paul's, Watertown, . . .                                     | Rev. M. Hoyt, . . .                              | 1848                  | —         | —             | —         | —          | —          | —        | —              | —                    | —                                   |
| St. James', Manitowoc, . . .                                     | Rev. George B. Eastman, . . .                    | 1849                  | —         | —             | —         | —          | —          | —        | —              | —                    | —                                   |
| Christ Church, Green Lake, . . .                                 | Rev. J. McNamara, . . .                          | 1850                  | 105       | 93            | 25        | 18         | 7          | 9        | 75             | 308 09               | 94 80                               |
| St. Paul's, Fond du Lac, . . .                                   | Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham, B. D., . . .             | 1851                  | —         | 43            | 29        | 23         | 2          | 6        | 35             | 220 27               | 47 35                               |
| Holy Communion, Geneva, . . .                                    | Rev. G. R. Bartlett, B. D., . . .                | 1851                  | —         | —             | —         | —          | —          | —        | —              | —                    | —                                   |
| Emmanuel Church, Ozaukee, . . .                                  | Rev. J. De Koven & Rev. J. S. B. [Hodges], . . . | 1851                  | 75        | 80            | 34        | 15         | 18         | 25       | 80             | 156 40               | 331 00                              |
| Holy Communion, Bloomfield, . . .                                | Rev. Thomas Greene, B. D., . . .                 | 1852                  | 30        | 59            | 24        | 21         | 3          | 2        | 60             | 2,816 06             | 85 99                               |
| St. James', Milwaukee, . . .                                     | Rev. D. W. Telford, . . .                        | 1854                  | 40        | 31            | 27        | 12         | 8          | 25       | 42             | 128 00               | 19 00                               |
| Trinity Church, Marquette, . . .                                 | Rev. Hugh M. Thompson, B. D., . . .              | 1855                  | 90        | 60            | 10        | 7          | —          | 9        | —              | 5,000 00             | —                                   |
| St. John Chrysostom, Delafield, . . .                            | Rev. Ebenezer Williams, . . .                    | 1855                  | —         | —             | —         | —          | —          | —        | —              | —                    | —                                   |
| Intercession, Stevens' Point, . . .                              | Rev. L. D. Brainerd, B. D., . . .                | 1855                  | —         | —             | 2         | —          | —          | —        | —              | —                    | —                                   |
| Trinity Church, Portage, . . .                                   | —                                                | —                     | —         | —             | —         | —          | —          | —        | —              | —                    | —                                   |
| Trinity Church, Berlin, . . .                                    | —                                                | —                     | —         | —             | —         | —          | —          | —        | —              | —                    | —                                   |
| Trinity Church, New California, . . .                            | —                                                | —                     | —         | —             | —         | —          | —          | —        | —              | —                    | —                                   |
| St. Mark's, Beaver Dam, with Fox Lake, Missionary Station, . . . | —                                                | —                     | 28        | 27            | 10        | 5          | 4          | 4        | —              | 12 75                | 28 25                               |

## Summary of Parochial Reports.

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| JUNE, 1857.                            |                | JUNE, 1856.              |             |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Families in 26 parishes,</b>        | 1255.          | <b>— in 23 parishes,</b> | 1152        |
| <b>Communicants in 32 parishes,</b>    | 1869.          | <b>— in 29 parishes,</b> | 1416        |
| <b>Baptized in 32 parishes,</b>        | 648.           | <b>— in 28 parishes,</b> | 428         |
| <b>Confirmed in 24 parishes,</b>       | 275.           | <b>— in 21 parishes,</b> | 154         |
| <b>Marriages in 27 parishes,</b>       | 143.           | <b>— in 25 parishes,</b> | 111         |
| <b>Burials in 28 parishes,</b>         | 199.           | <b>— in 29 parishes,</b> | 172         |
| <b>Sunday-Scholars in 21 parishes,</b> | 1215.          | <b>— in 20 parishes,</b> | 1001        |
| <b>Parochial contributions in 27</b>   |                |                          |             |
| parishes,                              | \$24,897.97.   | <b>— in 25 parishes,</b> | \$17,238.85 |
| <b>Missionary and other con-</b>       |                |                          |             |
| <b>tributions in 27 par's.,</b>        | 5,995.86.      | <b>— in 24 parishes,</b> | 757.88      |
| <b>Total contributions,</b>            | \$30,893.83. — |                          | \$17,996.23 |

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN:

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE, 1827.

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ARTICLE I.

*According to the General Constitution.*

The Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, desirous of entering into federal union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, does accordingly accede to, recognize and adopt the General Constitution and Canons of that Church, and acknowledge its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

*Annual Convention.*

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the Second Wednesday of June.

ARTICLE III.

*Members of Convention.*

SEC. 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Laity.

SEC. 2. Every Clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese, and having charge of some Parish, (or officiating as a Missionary within its bounds, or having spiritual charge, as president, professor, tutor or instructor in some college, academy, or seminary of learning constituted or countenanced by ecclesiastical authority, or being a chaplain in the navy or army of the United States,) shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention. In every case, however, where a Clergyman is not able to hold a cure of souls, arising from bodily infirmity, or age, he shall not for such cause be excluded from a seat in this Convention.

SEC. 3. The Lay Members shall consist of not more than four Deputies from each congregation in this Diocese in union with this Convention, a certificate of whose appointment shall be signed by either the Minister of the Parish, or one of the Wardens, or the Clerk of the vestry, and laid before the Convention before his or their admission to a seat or vote.

ARTICLE IV.

*President of Convention.*

The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, shall, ex-officio, preside in Convention, and be entitled to a vote on all questions. The assistant Bishop, when

here is one, shall also have a seat and vote, and in the absence of the Bishop, shall preside. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or of the absence of the Bishop and of the Assistant Bishop, or their inability to act, then the members shall elect from the Presbyters a President pro tempore.

## ARTICLE V.

*Transaction of Business.*

SEC. 1. The Bishop, with such Clergymen and Lay Deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The Clergy and Lay Deputies shall deliberate as one body, and shall vote as such.

SEC. 3. On a call of any five members, the Convention shall vote by orders. In such a case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure, and each Parish shall be entitled to only one vote.

SEC. 4. On every question, the votes of a majority of those present, or when voting by orders, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide the question.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Secretary and Treasurer of Convention.*

SEC. 1. At each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen from among its members, who shall continue in office till a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, and when approved, to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of the Bishop all originals, and to his successor all books and papers relating to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. An Assistant Secretary may also be chosen, if requested by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. A Treasurer of this Convention shall be appointed, who shall continue in office during its pleasure. He shall give satisfactory security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the Secretary of the Convention, for the use of the Convention, and shall present a statement of his accounts at each annual Convention.

SEC. 3. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or be incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, till the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all money, bonds, mortgages, notes, or other property and papers that may be in the Treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal or incapacity.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Standing Committee.*

SEC. 1. The Convention shall elect annually a Standing Committee, to consist of four Presbyters and four Laymen, who, when there is no Bishop, or he incapable of acting, shall be the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, for all purposes declared in this constitution.

SEC. 2. The said Presbyters must be of those entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese.

SEC. 3. The Lay members of the Committee must be communicants of some church in the Diocese in union with the Convention.

SEC. 4. The Committee, at their first meeting, shall choose a President from among the Clerical members, and a Secretary, either Clerical or Lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for this purpose, which book and all papers in their hands relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention.

SEC. 5. The Bishop shall have the power to supply vacancies which may occur in this body during the recess of the Convention.

SEC. 6. The whole being summoned, three of the Committee, both orders being represented, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Deputies to General Convention. Amended in 1857.*

SEC. 1. At every Annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be elected, by ballot, to represent this Diocese to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

SEC. 2. The Clerical Deputies shall be Presbyters, canonically connected with this Diocese, and having seats in this Convention.

SEC. 3. In case of a failure, or neglect of the Convention to elect Deputies, those already in office shall continue until successors are chosen.

SEC. 4. The Convention shall also elect, by ballot, a like number of Supplementary Deputies of each order, to serve as deputies contingently.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop in writing, at least six weeks before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment, and intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate so many of the Supplementary Deputies as shall be necessary to insure a full representation of the Diocese; and the persons so designated shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by the Convention.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Special Conventions.*

SEC. 1. The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention.

SEC. 2. There shall be no less than six weeks notice, previous to the day appointed, given to the several Churches by a circular letter.

SEC. 3. Such special Convention shall be holden at a place designated by the Ecclesiastical Authority calling it; and at such special Convention, no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

## ARTICLE X.

*Admission of Parishes.*

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes: provided they shall have laid before the Convention a Constitution, subscribed by the Wardens, wherein they expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and are duly incorporated, and regularly organized by the election of two Wardens and at least three Vestrymen:

## ARTICLE XI.

*Election of a Bishop.*

SEC. 1. After the first, no other election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made, unless in an annual Convention, or in a special Convention called for the purpose at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing, and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every Clergyman and Vestry of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The election shall be made in the following manner:—The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office; and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. If two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to vote be represented, then a majority of each order shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the Clergy and congregations present, then two-thirds of the vote of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Alteration of Constitution.*

This Constitution, or any part thereof, may be altered in the following manner:—The proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted to the annual Convention; and if approved of by a majority of both orders, shall lie over to the next annual Convention, and if then approved by a majority of each order, shall become valid and obligatory.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*The Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.*

Sac. 1. All real estate granted, personal property, or monies given or bequeathed to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, for any specified object, shall forever be and remain inviolably appropriated to such specified object, and shall not by authority of the Convention, or any other power, be diverted from such specified object, or employed by the "Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin," in any commercial business whatever.

Sac. 2. This article shall in no case be altered or amended, except as it is provided in Art. XII of this Constitution; and in addition thereto, a vote of two-thirds of each order shall be required to make such alteration or amendment.

*Done in Primary Convention of the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the 24th day of June, 1847.*

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NOTE.—The Thirteenth Article of this Constitution was added by the Diocesan Convention of 1849, as *Instructions to "The Trustees of the Funds and Property of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."*



**CANONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT**  
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**CANON I.**

*List of Clergymen in the Diocese.*

On or before the first day of the meeting of the Convention, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the President of the Standing Committee, to give to the Secretary of the Convention a certified list of the names of Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, and entitled to seats and votes in Convention.

**CANON II.**

*Opening of Convention.*

Every Convention shall be opened with the Public Common Prayer of the Church, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and a Sermon by a Presbyter appointed by the Bishop, when the Bishop himself does not deliver a Sermon or Charge.

**CANON III.**

*Standing Committees of Convention. Adopted in 1850. Amended in 1855.*

In order to organize the Convention, the President shall appoint a Special Committee of three Clergymen to receive the certificates of appointment of the Lay Deputies, and prepare a List of the same for the use of the Secretary; and after the Convention is fully organized, the President shall appoint Standing Committees, consisting of three members each, upon the following subjects:

- 1st. A Committee on the Admission of Parishes into union with the Convention.
- 2d. A Committee on Diocesan Missions.
- 3d. A Committee on Finance, to whom shall be referred the accounts of the various Funds.
- 4th. A Committee on Canons, to whom shall be referred all proposed new Canons, or amendment of the Canons, or Constitution.

**\*CANON IV.**

*Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In every congregation, the Church Wardens shall, at the expense of the Parish, provide a proper book, in which the Minister, or if the Parish be vacant, one of the Wardens, shall record the names of all persons Baptized, Married, and Buried, together with a list of persons confirmed, and of those who are Communicants of the Church, with the date of every event recorded, which shall be under the signa-

ture of the person recording. From this Register, there shall, annually, be presented to the Bishop, on or before the first day of Convention, a full and accurate statement of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, and of persons Confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion.

#### CANON V.

*Persons repelled the Holy Communion. Amended in 1857.*

When a person who has been repelled the Holy Communion, appeals to the Bishop, and is not restored by him, the Bishop may, and if the person demands, it shall be his duty to appoint three Presbyters, who shall make inquiries into the truth of the charges alleged, and shall make a report thereof, with their opinion thereon, to the Bishop.

All Rectors, or Ministers of Parishes, in the Diocese, shall hereafter, before receiving into the Parish under their charge any person as a regular Communicant from any other Parish, require of him or her a Certificate from the Rector or Minister of the Parish of their last residence, or, if there be no Minister, from one of the Wardens, stating that said applicant is of good standing as a Communicant of the Church.

Any person absenting himself or herself from the communion of the Church for a year, without assigning satisfactory reason, shall be dropped from the list of Communicants.

#### CANON VI.

*Diocesan Missions. Amended in 1849.*

SEC. 1. The Board of Missions for this Diocese, shall consist of the Bishop, together with the Standing Committee; of which Board the Bishop shall be, *ex officio*, President.

SEC. 2. The Standing Committee may at any time resolve itself into the Board of Missions, at the request of the Bishop; and in case this request be made by letter, then the Board may act upon such business only as the Bishop may designate.

SEC. 3. No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board, unless he shall first have been nominated by the Bishop.

SEC. 4. The former Canon of 1847, on this subject, is hereby repealed by this of 1849.

#### CANON VII.

*Mode of Trying Clergymen.*

SEC. 1. If a Clergyman of this Church offend against any Canon of the General Convention of the Church, or against any Canon of this Diocese, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing by any two persons, who shall be Communicants, and one of them shall be a Presbyter of this Church.

SEC. 2. The Standing Committee, if they deem the charges well founded, shall present said Clergyman to the Bishop for trial.

SEC. 3. The Bishop shall, thereupon, summon a jury of three Presbyters, who shall be the judges both of the law and the facts. The Standing Committee shall be prosecutors in the case, and shall appoint a Judge Advocate, who shall be a Presbyter of the Church in this Diocese, and shall give the accused a copy of the charges presented to the Bishop, and also sixty days' notice of the time and place of trial.

SEC. 4. If the accused shall not appear at the trial, without assigning sufficient cause, the judgment of the Court shall proceed against him for contempt, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the space of six months; and if during that period he shall not apply for a trial, he shall then be degraded from the Ministry.

SEC. 5. The judgment of the Court shall in all cases be made known in writing to the accused, and to the Wardens and Vestrymen of his Parish, together with the charges and specifications, and an outline of the evidence produced on the trial, if it shall be demanded by the accused.

SEC. 6. If the Bishop approve the judgment, he shall within thirty days proceed to administer the discipline prescribed by the Court.

SEC. 7. Should the Bishop disapprove the decision of the Court, he may summon a new Court, and order a new trial, and the judgment of the second Court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

SEC. 8. In case of the suspension of any Clergyman, such suspension may be either for a limited period, or until the offender give the Bishop satisfactory evidence, of contrition and reformation.

SEC. 9. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry shall, ipso facto, sever the connection between the Clergyman so suspended and his Parish.

SEC. 10. In all cases where charges are canonically preferred against a Clergyman of this Church, the accused shall have the right to demand a trial, which demand must be made in writing, and if not granted within three months, the charges shall be discontinued.

#### CANON VIII.

*Ritual Uniformity in this Diocese. Adopted in 1850. Amended in 1852.*

SEC. 1. In the performance of the Ritual and ceremonies of the Church, where there is no positive interpretation of existing law, either by Canon, or by solemn Declaration, or by opinion of the House of Bishops, the Clergy of this Diocese shall be bound to the rule of what is usually called "*Common Law*,"—that is to say: they shall not, for themselves and for their congregations, in their public and official ministrations, act according to private judgment, but according to the *general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States*.

SEC. 2. And in case there be in the mind of any Clergyman a doubt as to what that "*General Usage*" is, he shall not decide it for himself and for his congregation by his private opinion, but shall refer it to the *Interpreters* in this Canon appointed, who shall give to him an authoritative decision thereupon, founded upon the same principle of "*General Usage*." Provided, always, that there be, as aforesaid, no positive interpretation upon the point in question, either by Canon, or by Declaration, or by Opinion of the House of Bishops.

SEC. 3. The Bishop, or Bishop in charge of the Diocese, in council with the Standing Committee, are hereby established as *Interpreters* for this Diocese of the Ritual Usage of the Church. And their decisions so pronounced, and given in writing, shall be binding upon the Clergy of the Diocese in their performance of the Services of the Church.

SEC. 4. All decisions shall, for the information of the Clergy, be given in writing, by the Secretary of the Standing Committee, to all Clergymen canonically connected with this Diocese, and shall also be printed along with the Journal of the Proceedings of the Annual Diocesan Convention, under the head of "*DECISIONS OF THE CHURCH IN WISCONSIN IN REFERENCE TO RITUAL USAGE, BINDING UPON HER CLERGY, ACCORDING TO CANON VIII. OF THIS DIOCESE*."

SEC. 5. This Canon shall in no wise be taken to refer to any question of doctrine, but solely and entirely to ritual interpretation as it affects practice. And it shall be considered as binding upon and referring to those Clergy only who are canonically connected with this Diocese.

SEC. 6. Transgressions of this Canon are hereby declared offences for which a minister may be tried and punished.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, upon being legally apprised, in the manner as required by Canon VII., Sec. 1., of this Diocese, of any breach of Ritual Uniformity, to notify the Bishop of such complaint. And if the complaint is for the violation of a solemn interpretation already given and made known, the Bishop shall thereupon, by letter, notify said Clergyman that complaint has been made to the Standing Committee of a breach of Ritual Uniformity upon his part. But in case the complaint is upon a point not having been solemnly interpreted and made known, then the Bishop and Standing Committee shall meet and decide upon the "*general usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States*" upon the point in question; which done, the Bishop shall, by letter, inform said Clergyman of the complaint, and of the Decision of the Interpreters of General Usage. And the Bishop's notice in either case, shall be considered a warning to said Clergyman to conform to the ritual practice of this Diocese as established and declared. And if a Clergyman, so warned, does not, within *thirty days* notify the Bishop, by letter, of his intention to conform, he shall be proceeded against for breach of this Canon, in the manner provided by Canon VII. of this Diocese—of the mode of trying Clergymen.

#### CANON IX.

*The duty of Secretary and Treasurer of the Annual Convention. Adopted in 1852.*

SEC. 1. The Treasurer appointed in accordance with Section 2, of Article VI. of the Constitution, shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give security as

prescribed by said Section 2, in such sums as the Convention shall prescribe, for the faithful performance of his duties, and the due accounting for all moneys which may come to his hands as such Treasurer; and when at any time, during the recess of the Convention, it shall be deemed necessary by the Standing Committee of the Diocese to increase the amount of such security, the said committee shall have power to increase the amount as aforesaid; and the Treasurer shall, within ten days after notice of such determination by said committee, give such security. The Treasurer shall also procure and keep a properly bound book, in which shall be entered accounts and statements in detail of all moneys received and disbursed by him. He shall keep accounts with the several parishes, in which he shall charge them with the amounts assessed against them respectively, and shall credit them with the amount by them paid respectively.

SEC. 2. The Secretary's journals and records, and the Treasurer's book, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and of the Convention, and any committee thereof.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall, within thirty days after the Annual Convention shall have adjourned sine die, furnish the Treasurer a certified statement of all accounts allowed by the Convention, and the Treasurer shall pay the same, (and any claims and accounts duly allowed and certified by the Standing Committee during the recess of the Convention,) but none other, out of any moneys in his hands not otherwise appropriated.

#### CANON X.

##### *Alteration of Canons.*

No alterations in the Canons of the Diocese shall be made, unless they be approved and confirmed by a majority of both orders.

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## RULES OF ORDER,

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, 1847.

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1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave of the chair.

4. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, and, when required reduced to writing.

8. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, to lay on the table, or postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

9. All Committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered.

10. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PARISHES  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN:

ADOPTED IN PRIMARY CONVENTION, IN MILWAUKEE, JUNE 25, 1847.

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ARTICLE I.

*Acceding to the General and Diocesan Constitution, Canons, &c.*

This Parish, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, expressly accedes to, recognizes and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

*Use of the Church Building.*

The Church Building or Houses of Worship, belonging to this Parish, may be opened for all services, rites, ceremonies, or other purposes, either authorized or approved of by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, or the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

ARTICLE III.

*Rector and Minister.*

SEC. 1. The Rector is ex-officio President of the Vestry, and of the Congregation, and has the casting vote in case of a tie, on all questions brought before it.

SEC. 2. The Minister has the spiritual oversight of this Parish, and the Church Building shall be open to him for Public Common Prayer, Catechetical or other religious instruction, for Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals, and all other rites and ceremonies authorized by the Protestant Episcopal Church, at such times as he may deem proper.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Minister to enter in the Church Register, all Baptisms, Marriages, Burials and Confirmations, occurring within his cure; to keep an accurate list of Communicants, and also a register of the families and individuals belonging to the Parish.

SEC. 4. The Minister of this Parish shall, at the end of every civil year, present to the wardens a full, faithful and accurate written account, of all Offerings received and disbursed by him in his official capacity as almoner of the Church, which account the Wardens shall present to the Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the "Record Book" of the Church, and the original shall be placed upon file among the

**Parish Documents.** This annual account shall distinctly state the sources from whence the offerings came, and the persons or objects to which they were applied. It is left discretionary with the Minister to withhold names, where prudence or a regard for the feelings of individuals renders it expedient.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Wardens.*

SEC. 1. It is recommended that the Wardens, as advisers to the Minister, be communicants of the Church.

SEC. 2. The Senior Warden, or in case of his inability to act, then the Junior Warden shall have the care of the "Record Book" of the Parish, and shall cause to be copied therein all Documents bearing upon the history of the Parish.

SEC. 3. The Wardens shall have a care that the Church Building be kept from all secular, or other uses not authorised by Article II of this Constitution; and that it be kept in good repair as becometh the House of God.

SEC. 4. In case there be no Rector, or of absence or inability to act on his part, the Wardens, according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry, and of the Congregation. In case both the Rector and Wardens be absent, a Vestryman shall be chosen to preside.

SEC. 5. In case there be any Clergyman of the Church, residing within this Parish, who shall conduct himself in such a way as is contrary to the Rules of the Church, and disgraceful to his office, the Wardens shall, in writing, give notice thereof to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Standing Committee, if there be no Bishop.

SEC. 6. In the absence of the Wardens, their several duties shall devolve upon the Vestrymen.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Annual Elections.*

The Congregation of this Parish shall meet Annually on Monday of Easter week, and elect two Church Wardens, and not less than three nor more than eight Vestrymen, who shall continue to discharge the functions of their office during one year, or until their successors are elected in accordance with the provisions of the act of the Legislature on the subject.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### *Vestrymen. Amended in 1855.*

SEC. 1. It is recommended that the Vestry be chosen from the Communicants, in all Parishes where the number is sufficient.

SEC. 2. The Vestrymen, together with the Wardens, shall transact all the temporal business of the Parish; shall collect and disburse all money due for Church purposes, and shall at the end of every civil year—if the Treasury be deficient—collect as far as practicable, by subscriptions or otherwise, a sum sufficient to liquidate all the current expenses of the Church.

SEC. 3. The Vestry shall, on or before Easter Monday, cause to be written and placed in the hands of the Minister, but if there be no Minister, then the Senior Warden—a full, accurate and faithful statement of the temporal condition of the Parish, as a body corporate: and at the Meeting of the Congregation on Easter Monday, the Minister or Senior Warden shall, before balloting for Wardens and Vestrymen, present and read the same to the Congregation, and after deliver it to the new Vestry, to be by them examined and entered in the Record Book of the Church, and the original shall be placed on file among the Parish Documents. The said statement shall declare what money, lands, or other property have been received during their term of office, and from what source. It shall further declare what money has been expended, and for what objects; what property has been purchased, exchanged, mortgaged, sold or otherwise alienated or encumbered, and for what purpose.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *Secretary and Treasurer.*

SEC. 1. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by the Vestry, who shall serve till their successors in office are chosen.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Vestry;

to take minutes of its proceedings, and when approved, to enter and attest the same in the "Book of Minutes" of the Vestry; it shall be his further duty to enter in the "Record Book" of the Church, the Minister's annual account of offerings, and the Vestry's annual account of the temporal condition of the Parish, and to preserve on file all the originals.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money collected under the authority of the Vestry, the reception and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for; and in case there be no collector appointed by the Vestry, himself shall also collect the same.

SEC. 4. No money shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order from the Vestry, signed by one of the Wardens. The Treasurer shall present to the Vestry, at least two weeks before Easter Monday, a full and accurate statement, accompanied by vouchers, of all monies received and paid by his department, since the last annual statement.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer, if he be not a member of the Vestry, shall attend its meetings when requested, and be guided by its advice in all matters pertaining to the duties of his office, and be ready to answer all questions as to the state of the Treasury.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### *Vestry Meetings.*

SEC. 1. *Quarterly Meetings* of the Vestry shall be held on the first Monday of May, August, November, and February.

*Special Meetings* may be held at such times as the Minister or any two of the members may desire.

SEC. 2. At every meeting of the Vestry, the minutes of the last meeting shall be read, and if correct, approved; if incorrect, amended and approved.

At every quarterly meeting, the minutes of the last quarterly, and of all subsequent special meetings shall be read.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### *Altering of Constitution.*

Alterations, amendments or additions may at any time be made to this Constitution by the Annual Diocesan Convention.

ORGANIZATION AND INCORPORATION OF PARISHES  
OF THE  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN THE  
DIOCESE OF WISCONSIN.

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The Committee appointed by the Diocesan Convention of 1855, "to obtain a correct interpretation of the Law providing for the Incorporation of Churches or Congregations, and to append to the Journal full instructions as to every step necessary to be taken in the *Organization and Incorporation of Parishes*," respectfully report:

ORGANIZATION.

No Parish or Church is ever organized except with the intention, sooner or later, of obtaining the services of a Clergyman to minister at its Altar. Care should therefore be taken, not to interfere with the Canonical rights of any other Clergyman by organizing within the bounds of his Parish.

"Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law or otherwise," the *General Canon IX*, of 1853, provides that, 1. "If a city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or any ward, district, or other subdivision of either of the same, shall contain but one church or congregation, the minister having charge of such church or congregation shall be deemed to have the parochial cure within the same. 2. Any city, village, town, township, or incorporated borough, or the smallest subdivision of either of the same, in which there are two or more churches or congregations, shall be deemed the parochial cure of the ministers of such churches or congregations, and the assent of a majority of such ministers shall be necessary."

The same Canon forbids any Clergyman, belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, to officiate, "either by preaching, reading prayers, or otherwise, in the Parish or within the parochial cure of another Clergyman, unless he has received express permission for that purpose from the Minister of the Parish or cure, or in his absence from the church wardens and vestrymen, or trustees of the congregation, or a majority thereof.

The course, therefore, to be taken, when about to organize a Parish, is:

1st. Obtain the consent, in writing, of the minister, or ministers, within whose parochial bounds it is proposed to organize a new Parish.

This consent will prevent the possibility, on the part of the Minister who may be called to the new Parish, of his being presented for violating the requirements of the General Canon above referred to.

Consent having been obtained to organize, or if the proposed Parish or Church is not within the Canonical bounds of another Parish, then:

2d. Let those interested meet, decide upon the name or title by which their Parish or Church shall be known, and elect "two Wardens, and at least three Vestrymen." (Diocesan Constitution, Art. X.) \*

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\* On page 64 of this Journal there is a *Constitution for Parishes*, put forth by the Convention, which may be adopted.



4th. Give notice of your organization to the Bishop of the Diocese, asking him to take the Parish under his Episcopal charge.

The organization of the Parish is now complete and Canonical; and the Parish or Church is in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin.

One other step, although not coming within the matter of organizing a Parish, yet, as being a Canonical obligation, closely connected with it, is here subjoined. The following is an extract from General Canon XIV of 1853:

SEC. 1. It is hereby required, that on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:

"We, the Churchwardens, (or in case of an Assistant Minister, We, the Rector and Churchwardens,) do certify to the Right Rev. (naming the Bishop,) or to the Rev. (naming the President of the Standing Committee,) that (naming the person,) has been duly chosen Rector (or Assistant Minister, as the case may be,) of (naming the Parish, or Church or Churches.)"

"Which certificate shall be signed with the names of those who certify."

The Organization of a Parish is strictly and solely an Ecclesiastical procedure, constituting the Parish a component part of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and as such, only entitling it to Ecclesiastical rights and privileges; i. e. to the rights and privileges granted by General and Diocesan Constitutions and Canons. The Ecclesiastical organization gives no Civil or Corporate powers to the Parish. The right to purchase and hold, or take by gift, or to lease any real estate, or to sue for and collect subscriptions, &c., can only be acquired by grant from the State; which right the State does grant to all Parishes that avail themselves of her Act providing for their Incorporation.

And further: Organization simply, although it admits a Parish into union with the Church, does not admit it into union with the Convention of the Church in the Diocese. (Diocesan Constitution, Art. X.)

A Parish wishing to hold real estate, collect subscriptions, &c., and to be represented in the Convention of the Church in the Diocese, must give evidence of its permanency to the Church, by an existence of twelve months; and when duly organized according to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, it may then incorporate itself, and thereby acquire all the rights and privileges enjoyed by any Parish or Church. The manner of effecting this is as follows:

#### INCORPORATION.

The only law now in force providing for the Incorporation of Churches or Congregations, is Chap. 47 of the Revised Statutes of this State; the Act of the late Territory of Wisconsin, approved February 8th, 1847, having been repealed by Sec. 9 of Chap. 157 of the Revised Statutes.

Sec. 23 of Chap. 47 of the Revised Statutes provides, that, "Whenever, by the Constitution, rules and usages of any particular Church or religious denomination, the minister or ministers, elders and deacons, or other officers elected by any Church or Congregation, according to such Constitution, rules or usages, are thereby constituted the Trustees of such Church or Congregation; it shall be lawful for such minister or ministers, elders and deacons, or other officers, to assemble together and execute, under their hands and seals, a certificate, stating therein the name by which they and their successors in office shall forever thereafter be called and known, which certificate shall be acknowledged or proved, and recorded as herein before directed: whereupon such persons, and their successors in office, shall be a body corporate, by the name expressed in such certificate, with all the rights, powers and privileges of other religious corporations, constituted according to the provisions of this chapter."

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen being, in virtue of their office, constituted the Trustees of the Church, within the meaning of the law, they are the proper persons to assemble and execute the certificate required by the Act.

The manner of proceeding, in order that a Church or Congregation may become Incorporated under the provisions above recited, is as follows:

1st. When a Church or Congregation has been duly organized, according to the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as a Parish or Church in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen will assemble together, and execute under their hands and seals a certificate, in the following form:

To all to whom these presents shall come: Know ye, that we, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of (*name the Church*,) Church, of (*name the town or place*,) duly elected and qualified as such, according to the Constitution, rules and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Wisconsin, that is to say, the Rev. W. A., Rector, J. M. and C. H., Wardens, and J. H., D. F., L. S., and D. K., Vestrymen, have on this day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and , assembled in our aforesaid capacities, for the purpose of becoming incorporated under and pursuant to Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes of Wisconsin, do hereby make known and declare, that we the said Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, and our successors in office, shall forever hereafter be called and known as "the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of (*name the Church*,) Church, of (*name the town or place*,)" to the end and intent that we, the said Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, and our successors in office, may become a body corporate, by the name and style of "the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of (*name the Church*,) Church, of (*name the town or place*,)" with all the powers and privileges by law appertaining thereto.

Witness our hands and seals at (*name the place*) the day and year aforesaid.

In presence of

W. A., [Seal]

Rector.

(*Two witnesses*.)

J. M., [Seal]

C. H., [Seal]

Wardens.

J. H., [Seal]

D. F., [Seal]

L. S., [Seal]

E. W., [Seal]

D. K., [Seal]

Vestrymen.

The above certificate must then be acknowledged before some officer authorised to take the acknowledgment of deeds. The certificate of acknowledgment may be in the following form:

STATE OF WISCONSIN, } ss.  
County of

Be it remembered, that on this day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and , before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of , (*or other officer, as the case may be*,) personally appeared the Rev. W. A., Rector, J. M. and C. H., Wardens, and J. H., D. F., L. S., E. W. and D. K., Vestrymen of (*name the Church*,) Church, of (*name the town or place*,) to me known as the individuals described in, and who executed the foregoing certificate, and severally acknowledged the execution of said certificate by them, for the use and purpose therein expressed.

A. B., Justice of the Peace.

2d. The certificate, thus duly acknowledged, must then be recorded by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the county within which the Church is situated, in a book to be by him kept for that purpose, and who is entitled to receive seventy-five cents for such recording. An Act entitled "An Act to amend Chapter forty-seven, title thirteen of the Revised Statutes, and for other purposes," approved April 2, 1853, provides that the several Clerks of the Board of Supervisors in this State, not yet supplied with suitable books for recording the certificates aforesaid, shall immediately procure such book at the expense of the county.

The certificate thus recorded, the act of Incorporation is complete, and the Church by the name expressed in the certificate, is a body corporate, invested with all the rights, powers and privileges of religious corporations, constituted according to the provisions of Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes; which vests in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry power, in their corporate capacity, "to take into their possession and custody all the temporalities of the Church, whether the same shall consist of real or personal estate, and whether the same may have been given, granted or devised, directly or indirectly, to such Church, or to any other person or persons for its use."

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen may also, "in their corporate name, sue and be sued in all courts and places, and they may recover and hold all the debts, demands, rights and privileges, all churches, buildings, burying places, and all the estate and appurtenances belonging to such church, in whatever manner the same may have been acquired, or in whose hands soever the same may be held, as fully and amply as if the right and title thereto had been originally vested in the said Rector,

Wardens and Vestrymen; and they may hold other real and personal estate, and demise, lease and improve the same; but the whole of such estate, real and personal, shall not exceed the yearly value or income of three thousand dollars." They may also "alter or repair the church, and, under the direction of the congregation, erect churches and dwelling houses for their ministers, and other buildings for the use of the church or congregation."

They have also "authority to make rules and orders for managing the temporal affairs of such church or congregation, and to dispose of all moneys belonging thereto, and to order and regulate the renting of pews or slips in their churches, and the perquisites for the breaking of the ground in the cemetery or church-yard, and in the churches, for burying the dead."

MILWAUKEE, July 20, 1856.

DAVID KEENE,  
J. P. T. INGRAHAM,  
W. W. ARNETT.

## AN ACT

### TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CARE OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN.

*as enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:*

SEC. 1. That Paraclete Potter, John Catlin, J. A. Helfenstein, A. H. Smith and John R. Phelps, of Wisconsin, and their successors duly elected and appointed in the manner hereinafter provided, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WISCONSIN," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be competent to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to answer and be answered unto, in all courts of law and equity, and be capable of taking and holding by gift, grant and devise, and of purchasing, holding and conveying real estate and personal property; *Provided*, the yearly income of such property, both real and personal, shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The object of said corporation shall be the management and care of any funds which are now provided, or which may be hereafter contributed or acquired for the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Wisconsin, the income whereof to be appropriated by the said Trustees according to the directions to be from time to time given by the Convention of said Church in Wisconsin.

SEC. 3. The said Trustees shall be five in number, to be hereafter elected at each annual meeting of the Convention of said Church, and hold their offices for the period of one year from and after such elections, and until other Trustees shall have been elected and entered upon their duties.

SEC. 4. The said Trustees shall make a report at each annual Convention, exhibiting the amount and condition of the said funds and property under their charge.

SEC. 5. The said Trustees shall have power to appoint a Treasurer, to hold his appointment during their pleasure, and to be subject at all times to their control and direction, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of said Trustees, to receive and pay out all money, and take charge of and manage all the property, real and personal, which may be intrusted to the care of said Board of Trustees for the use and benefit of the Church aforesaid, and to keep their books, accounts and records; and he shall give such security for the faithful performance of the duties assigned to him, as may from time to time be deemed sufficient by said Board of Trustees.

SEC. 6. The said Trustees, hereby incorporated, shall be bound to conform to any instructions that may be given to them by the said Convention, touching the management of said funds and property, and the disposition of the income thereof: *provided*, such instructions shall be in writing, and shall be entered on the Journals of the Convention.

APPROVED March 1st, 1848.

### FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The Bishop of the Diocese requests of the Clergy to conform to the following model, in making out their Annual Reports, in order that a tabular view of the state of the Church may be the more readily prepared therefrom:

NAME OF PARISH, . . . . .  
NAME OF MINISTER, . . . . .

DATE, . . . . .

Number of Families connected with the Parish, . . . . .; Individuals, . . . . .  
Communicants: died, . . . . .; removed, . . . . .; added, . . . . .;  
present number, . . . . . Baptisms: infants, . . . . .; adults, . . . . .; total, . . . . .  
Confirmed, . . . . . Marriages, . . . . . Burials: infants, . . . . .; adults, . . . . .; total, . . . . .  
Sunday School Teachers, . . . . .; Scholars, . . . . .; Library, . . . . . vols.; Parish Library, . . . . . vols. Offerings of the Parish: for Episcopal Fund, . . . . .; Diocesan Missions, . . . . .; Convention Fund, . . . . .; Parish Poor, . . . . .; Parochial Purposes, . . . . .

# NOTICE.

That which was proposed at the Provincial Synod of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, V. in T. by Charles Jones Allen, on the Second Wednesday, July 18th, 1856, viz: That Rev. M. B. Hall, having accepted of the Bishop's Bidding to preach the Mission Sermon, the proceeds of which would be devoted to the building of the Episcopal Church, The Rev. L. A. Weaver is appointed to preach at the opening of the Convention, and the Rev. J. M. Sumner to be his substitute. The present Secretary would remind his brethren, the Provincial Clergy, that Annual Collections should be taken up in each parish, for the Church of the South, and paid to the Treasurer of the same, besides the Collections required for the Episcopal Church, for the Bishop's salary, and for the Diocese Missionary Activities, that in the Journal of the Convention it is recorded that the expense of all the Clergy in the Synod of the Church of the South should be the responsibility of the Synod.

## FORM OF TRANSFER OF COMMUNICANTS FROM ONE PARISH TO ANOTHER.

At a recent meeting of the Diocesan Convention, it was

*Resolved*, In pursuance of Canon XLII, passed at the General Convention of the Church in 1856, entitled "On the *Transfer of Communicants from one Parish to another*," that a Certificate in substance like the following, is hereby recommended to be given, by all Rectors or Ministers of Parishes in this Diocese, to Communicants removing into other Parishes; and that this Certificate be hereafter published on the cover of our Convention Journal:

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that . . . . . is a Member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a Communicant of good standing in the same; and as such is affectionately commended to the Christian love and care of the Clergyman who may hereafter be his (or her) Pastor, in the Church of God.

Given under my hand and seal, this . . . day of . . . . . in the year of our Lord . . . . .

Signed, . . . . .

*Rector of . . . . .*

Or, *Minister in charge of . . . . .*



